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Greenleaf,

August 26, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I am sorry I can not answer you as definitely as to time I can leave here, as I would wish. Through my Seminary my affairs are somewhat unsettled. I have several hundred dollars (\$500) to raise by October in order to leave the enterprise, which is of vast importance to us, in these regions, in such a shape as to be available to the church. I am laboring for this and praying for it and when accomplished it leaves me free to go when and where I please. Should you find a suitable man, take him at once and do not relax effort to get one depending upon me. Would the climate be one suited to my wife's health?

I have since receipt of yours, or rather the same evening made an earnest request for my services in California. One thing I am determined, i.e., to leave here as soon as above matter is accomplished and will steam it (if not too cold), down through your town, or as you suggest to Sioux City.

May the Lord bless you in your important work. Trusting to meet you soon, I remain

Fraternally yours,  
W. C. Harding.

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Fremont, Nebraska, August 24, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

My dear Sir:

I take pleasure in writing to you the following report of my labors while engaged as Itinerant on the Sioux City and Pacific Railroad and on the Missouri Pacific Railroad.

During the quarter ending August 31st, I have held services once in four weeks at the following points on the Rail Road, viz: Blair, Fremont, Columbus and Grand Island. Blair, the county seat of Washington county, is located on the Sioux City and P. P. R., near the point where this Railroad crosses the Missouri River and is 28 miles north and west from Omaha. This place is remarkable for the rapidity of its growth, nearly all the buildings which there are now about one hundred having been erected within a period of four months. Many of the people here from the first manifested an interest in the efforts of our Church to supply them with the preaching of the Gospel, and the services have been well attended. An organization has been effected here, and I hope the time is not far distant when we shall have a church building, which is much needed here. I consider this an important point both as regards its present wants and future prospects, and also in view of the surrounding country which is being settled up very rapidly.

Fremont, the county seat of Dodge county, is located at the junction of the Sioux City and P. P. R. with the N. P. R. R., 46 miles west from Omaha, and has a population of about 2000. This is considered the most important place on the

U. P. R.R. between Omaha and Cheyenne, a distance of 516 miles.

The attendance upon public worship has been very good, but I have felt that once a month is too infrequent for such a field. We have organized here but have no church building. There are points in the country near here which are greatly in want of preaching. Columbus, the county seat of Platt county, 46 miles west from Fremont, has a population of about 450. This will probably be quite an important place in a few years, as it is expected that a Railroad from Sioux City will connect at this point with the U. P. R. R.

When I first visited this place I met with but little encouragement but by visiting among the people I was able to get out a very good audience on the Sabbath, and I now consider the work there quite hopeful. A church has been organized and I trust with the blessing of God much will be done for the glory of his name. We have no church building at Columbus.

Grand Island, the county seat of Hall county, is located on the U.P.R.R. 61 miles west from Columbus (153 miles west from Omaha) and has a population of about 400. The U.P.R.R. Co. have a machine shop here, this being the end of the Platt Division.

Many of the people gave me a hearty welcome from the first and the work here has been quite encouraging, and when I filled my last appointment there we hoped that there was more than usual interest. An organization has been effected there, and I hope ere long that a house of worship may be erected for the only available room at present is a small school room 15 x 20, which will not accommodate all who desire to come.

Thus the standard of the Cross has been set up at four more points on this Highway of the Nations, and I trust that by the blessing of God upon the labors of his servants yet to occupy this field, influences will go forth from these centers which will guide the feet of many wandering sinners into the King's Highway of Holiness.

And now that God may bless you in all your efforts to send forth the light of his Gospel into these western wilds, is the prayer of your

Brother in Christ,  
J. N. Hutchison

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Sidney, Iowa, August 23, 1869.

Brother Jackson:

As you are aware I have accepted of the invitation to supply the church here. I wish to know how I may secure some of the publications of our Board for distribution in this field. I want a supply of tracts and other matter. Please inform me how I may procure these.

I expect to have a Communion service here on the first Sabbath of September. Brother Wescott will be with me on that occasion (D.V.).

As I spent considerable in traveling before, I settled here preaching at different points and for which I did not receive a single cent, save the six dollars that you furnished me. I feel the want of some funds. If you have any funds with which to pay "itinerants" I would like to have part of the money that I expended. If you could send me \$20 it is all that I would wish. This would not come near the amount actually expended, but will suffice.

I feel very much the need of church buildings here. We really need two in this field -- one in town and one in the country. We are really more in need of one in the country than in town, as we have the use of the Methodist church in town. There is a point in the country where I preach that ought to be supplied with a church. I preach in a school house but it is not large enough to accommodate the audience. Many more could attend if we could accommodate them.

I hope the way will be opened up by which suitable buildings may be erected at no distant day within town and country.

Please tell Brother Cleland to procure -- if in his power -- a clerical ticket on the "O.B. & St. Joe R.R." for me.

Please let me hear from you at your convenience.

Your brother in Christ,  
M. C. Wilson.

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821 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.  
August 23, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa,  
Dear Sir:

Your letter of August 19th with \$5.00 inclosed was received this morning, and I have sent 21 copies of the semi-monthly Visitor to Rawlins as per receipt enclosed. This is our first subscription to Wyoming Territory.

I have sent the full number of copies that I can send. If you find that more are needed I have no doubt then Dr. Schenck will supply what is wanted.

Yours truly,  
Peter Walker.

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Office of the Presbyterian, Philadelphia,  
Pa. August 23, 1869.

Rev. and Dear Sir:

Yours of the 17th instant is received with Thirteen 50/100 Dollars for subscription of nine new Sunscribers.

Very respectfully,  
I. W. Mc Elwee,  
for S. Martin & Co.

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Jalapa, Nebraska, August 23, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

I am very much gratified to learn from your letter of the 18th instant, which came to hand last evening, that we are to have preaching as soon as a minister can be permanently located at Fremont. The field here is wholly unoccupied and I believe we could furnish a very fair audience the greater part of the year. We have a new and quite commodious school house, an intelligent community and a flourishing Sabbath School. Feeling very grateful for the kindness which you and Brother Hutchinson have shown us,

I remain yours &c.,  
A. J. Leach.

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Granger, Wyoming Territory, August 21, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

I sent to Mr. Hughes a pass good until December 31, 1869-- between Rawlins and Promontory.

I spoke to Mr. Mead the new assistant General Superintendent, about pass for yourself. I think he will give it to you and also think an application to him would be better than to Col. Hammond, altho' I hope he will give you one also.

Let me know when Mr. Van Dyke intends coming west. I think I can have him come with my Father's family and perhaps get the money for his fare for your use.

I have arranged also for Mr. Hughes to have a pass east to Omaha when he goes for his "rib" and will send you blank for return trip so whether he or another returns it will be of use.

Very truly yours,  
Thos. B. Morris.

Address Wahsatch, Utah.

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Nebraska City, Nebraska, August 21, 1869.

The Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa.  
My dear Sir:

Your note of yesterday was received last evening. You may write to Mr. Smith to come over upon the terms proposed. I would quietly suggest that he come under the wing of Mr. Cleland and stop with him at Mr. Ballentines or with some of their friends. Mr. Cleland can put him on the proper stand point. We have not been looking around for a pastor, but as Mr. Ellicott has to-day agreed to take charge of our Presbyterian School it will be necessary to secure a successor as soon as practicable. Is Mr. Smith an extemporaneous preacher? If not he will not satisfy the wants of some of our people. What salary is he now receiving? we will not be able to raise over \$1500 for him the first year.

We had a pleasant visit from Mr. Norcross. I regret you failed to meet him. Mr. Elliott will be up on Tuesday next.

Very truly yours,  
L. J. McClain.

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Corning, Iowa, August 21, 1869.

We the undersigned desiring a Presbyterian Church at this place do hereby request Rev. Sheldon Jackson, Superintendent of Missions for Iowa to organize un into a Church at his earliest convenience.

G. W. Frank,  
Mr. & Mrs. A. Potwain.  
Dr. & Mrs. A. A. Remson, Mrs. Homer Remson  
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Adel, Iowa, August 20, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours of 18th is here. I dont believe, from his own description, of himself, that I have a place big enough for "D. C. White," at present. Is there not a practical joke somewhere about that letter? It is so curious. I don't believe I shall waste ink upon him. The pattern is too full for any of our small churches. Have you not a place somewhere in the Mountains for him? He certainly ought not to stop short of the Snowy Range --- I presume he will use one of the "Calls" which he carries in his "pocket."

I should be very glad to go down to Knoxville and meet the Brethren in Presbytery and will if I can possibly get back from Manchester, Delaware County, where I go on Sabbath 29th to organize a church. I will say (D.V.) I will go with you from Des Moines on Thursday evening. At all events I will meet you in Des Moines if at all possible -- on the arrival of the train from the west, about noon, I think on that day.

Can you call off at Atlantic and see just what the state of things is there and Dexter, Bayliss of Desoto was cut out of Dexter by Brother Hughes.

We have a good man in Weston, Missouri, who would like a field and I think would do well at Atlantic; and if your people will unite on him, we can withdraw Mr. Kellogg, if he is distasteful to them. We are losing at Atlantic for want of an understanding and cooperation of our forces. Drop off there if you can and look into it as you come along.

Did you have a pleasant and prosperous trip?

If anything occurs to change your purpose of coming to Knoxville please inform me by letter to Adel.

Truly your Brother,  
Wm. Campbell.  
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Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory, August 20, 1869.

Brother Jackson:

Enclosed find check \$500. Mr. Thompson is afraid that this church will be too expensive in all its parts will need to be made cheaper -- something left out.

Will you be at the Bluffs to start for Minnesota? All well. Hope you will find the right man for Cheyenne and other points where we ought to have men settled.

Regards to Faris.

Yours

John L. Sage.

Brother McCandlish will find out about North Platte for you.

Fontenella, Nebraska, August 20, 1869.

Rev. S. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I am requested to write you in regard to church matters here (Bell Creek). We have commenced to move in the matter of building a church and have succeeded so well we are satisfied that with the aid I am informed you promise the people here (\$300) we can build it.

Am requested to inquire whether the money can be had (if you can still procure it) would like to know as soon as possible in regard to this as we are all dependent on that to procure material, in part at least. The people here are mostly of them poor and what they do will be mostly in work, hauling material, &c. Still they are doing liberally and are anxious for it to be built and for regular preaching. Still it can not be built without your aid.

Will you please to inquire at Omaha of the agent of the U.P. R.R. Company if they will give two acres of ground for a site for the church somewhere on the west half of Section 27, T. 20, R.G.C., Washington county?

We hope to have you here in October to dedicate the church Providence permitting, and in the meantime that you will be able to send us a minister occasionally. Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain

Yours truly,

J. P. Adams.

112 East 31st Street, New York, August 20, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

My Dear Sir:

If in your travels you meet with a Presbyterian Clergyman's family to whom a box of clothing would be acceptable, and you would be kind enough to send me the name and address of such Minister, I would take it very thankfully. The ladies of our

Church would be glad to make up a box for such a family -- the more children the better, &c.

Very truly yours,  
N. W. Conkling.

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Waverley, Iowa, August 19, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

Before this reaches you you will have heard from other sources that I have been on a tour through South Western Iowa, and that efforts are being made to secure my services at Red Oak Junction.

I believe our people there are expecting you to be with them soon and are relying I know very much upon assistance and advice from you. They are doing nobly in their subscriptions and I think we have every reason for encouragement.

A difficulty in the way is want of a parsonage. I hope the time is not very distant when there will be a Parsonage fund as well as a Church Extension fund. I need not tell you that a parsonage at Red Oak would be a clear gain of \$150 or \$200 in ministers salary and would next to a church building give stability to a young church.

What can be done? The people can not build - I have no means to invest. Is there any hope of borrowing?

A thousand dollars prudently invested would grow in value rather than the reverse.

I have been trying in vain to think of any one of my friends who would be willing and would lend money in that way. I think it would be better on all hands for a building to be the property of the Church, but if that can not be and if I should go there I would be willing to take the risk of borrowing that sum and secure the lender by a mortgage on the property, and by insuring against fire, &c., and securing the insurance to him in the case of loss.

I do not think any one would seek such an investment as a speculation simply, but if secured reasonably well in that or some other way and running say 10 per cent interest yearly or semi-annually would not some one be willing to undertake it as a means of doing good? I make these suggestions as you will probably soon be on the ground and will have an opportunity to see how things are. For my part I left this place simply because I could not have accommodations for studying and I am anxious before settling again to secure in some way a comfortable house -- at least a study to myself.

If your multiplied engagements will permit I shall be glad to hear from you.

Fraternally,  
W. D. Shuley.

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La Grange, Indiana, August 2, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear brother:

By your letter in Presbyterian of last week I notice that a minister is needed at Fremont, Nebraska. You do not give name of any one to address. I wish to find a field of labor in the west, either to organize a church or at least to preach to one only lately organized -- a new field. My health at present is tolerably good, and am ready to go wherever the Master may call me. Cannot spend much money running about on uncertainties or trying experiments, for I am not blessed with much of that article (money I mean). I have preached to this church for over four years as stated supply, and in May last was elected pastor; but have concluded not to accept the call.

I refer to Rev. N. S. Smith, Stated Clerk of Presbytery of Fort Wayne, at Fort Wayne or to Rev. F. M. Price, the oldest member of this church session.

Will you send my name to some one at Fremont, or give me the name of some one to address.

Truly your brother in Christ,  
A. F. Randolph.

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Oswego, New York, August 2, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

At the time of your letter arriving I was absent - on my return I found there were no funds on hand. It takes some little time to collect from little children the small sum of \$15. I think we have that amount on hand now and if you still desire it for the papers at the Sabbath School at Des Moines I will send it immediately to you. If not for this, have you any other pressing want that would interest the children, please write and we will gladly give what we have on hand.

Our ladies I hope will commence soon the work of preparing boxes, so when you find a minister to whom we can contribute to in this way, please inform us.

The letter from Rev. Mr. Gage I will hand over to Colonel Smith as he has just returned home after a long absence. I wish we might do more for him.

I trust you are succeeding in your arduous work and find willing helpers. My brother is preaching for a few Sabbaths in New Jersey, but you may hear from him, as his heart is in the West, and loves the work there. I shall hope to hear soon from you, though I have so long delayed writing.

Yours respectfully,  
C. H. Condit.

Oswego,  
August 2, 1869.  
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Rochester, New York, August 2, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Enclosed I send Mrs. Jackson's Church letter. We are glad to hear of the good health of yourself and family. Our youngest child has been very sick, but is now nearly well and my own health has been poor for a few weeks. The health of the people is generally good. At the annual meeting Mr. Evans was elected to take the place of Mr. Andrews as Acting Elder. Mr. Titus and Mr. Faden were elected trustees. The ladies have been raising money to insure Church property and to pay taxes, the latter being more than a hundred dollars. Mr. Elder expects to leave for California about the first of October. Brother Craver's Church was dedicated last week. Bro. McNully preached - only Thomson and Patterson present. I was too unwell to go. I saw Thomson this morning on his way from Kasson. -- The Books have been sent to Brother Savage, also the other things to Brother Patterson. Last week I sent a hundred dollars to the Board to pay a note in Bank which became due. In a couple of weeks another note of the same amount will be due at one of the Banks here, for money borrowed to pay moving so that I have no money to send you. "But have patience and expense! I will pay thee all." I am sorry that Mr. Andrews did not give it to you. By the end of this quarter, at furthest, I will try and send it. Nothing of special interest in the church. We have adopted a plan for visitations which thus far is working finely. Prayer meetings well attended.

Give my love to Mrs. Jackson. I see from the papers that you are making progress in your work. May the Lord bless you abundantly is the prayer of

Your friend and brother,  
J. F. Killin.

Bedford, Iowa, August 3, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

I have another suggestion to offer with the view of getting to see you. I hope to have communion at Nodaway on the third Sabbath of this month (D.V.) according to appointment already made, services to commence at 3 P. M. Saturday. Now can you be with us? I still desire to see you and confer with you about this section of our field and the more since I saw your communication in the Presbyterian of the 31st ultimo. My dear Brother, this region demands and deserves more attention than Presbytery or the general Missionaries are giving it. I am myself weary of toiling here without aid or sympathy. Come if you can and spend a week -- the week preceding the meeting of Presbytery in this region and we will go to Presbytery in company with Brother Westcott.

Hoping that this is the time I'll "fetch you" I remain  
Yours &c., S. A. McElhinney.

P.S. Perhaps Brother Cleland can come too. Please remember me kindly to him.

Philadelphia, Pa., August 3, 1869.

Rev. S. Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

I have just read your communication to the Presbyterian dated July 12th in which you speak of the want of the field. You name several places where ministers are needed, some of which I doubt not are very important and desirable points. I am without Charge. My time is partially employed but not sufficiently so to afford anything like comfortable support to my family; and unless I meet here with something more encouraging I must look after some other place of labor. The west has been pointed to me by several of the Brethren here; but I have feared to venture west on account of the health of my family. We have been compelled to move two or three times, at great sacrifice, on account of ague in the family. I could not live and be useful when we would be subject to that disease. We have five children. My own constitution, though not strong, will bear almost constant labor, if it is not too laborious. I would not hesitate to take charge of one, two or three churches, if not too far apart. I am just fifty years of age. I mention all these facts so that you may be able to judge as to whether it would be right for me to venture to that part of the west to seek a field of labor.

What would you think of Fremont in Nebraska? Or Red Oak Junction, Iowa, or Page County, Iowa? Will you be kind enough to answer and name any point you may think most suitable for me?

Yours very truly,  
Wm. M. Dorland.

1031 South 17th Street.

Eau Claire, Wisconsin, August 5, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

I notice a communication from you to the Presbyterian concerning the wants of several fields of labor in Iowa. I am getting ready to leave this part of the state and am desirous of a field of labor suited to the wants of my family. I can hardly think of going into an entirely new field as I must have my children in school. I have five boys ranging from 2 to 14 years old four of them needing schools. I am desirous of devoting myself to the ministry and also of going into a more southern climate. Knowing the wants of the churches and my wants and qualifications are there any openings to which you wish to introduce me? My old field at Chippewa Falls I resigned last fall and am sorry to say they are not prospering very well. This church is not doing much for the cause of Presbyterianism. The truth is there is but precious little of that element in this lumbering region. I have spent 12 years most of the time laboring diligently to build up the church I love and am very much dissatisfied with the result.

But I took my pen to make an inquiry. May I hope to hear from you at your earliest convenience. Where is Lyon? I presume you heard of my loss -- In the great fire in this place 22nd of May, my store, goods and all went. My loss was severe as I was lightly insured.

Yours truly,  
B. Phillips.

August 7, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I write to correct a mistake in my last letter. I appointed the third Sabbath inst. to meet you at Nodaway (i.e. West's). I should have said, on the 4th Sabbath - I had forgotten that this month came in on Sabbath and hence my error.

All well. Kindest regards to you and Mrs. Jackson if there is such a woman, for I am ignorant of your circumstances.

Yours truly,  
S. A. McElhinney.

Farmington, Minnesota, August 7, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I think something of leaving here. God has blessed me in pioneer work, as He has heretofore in other fields. Am convinced that pioneer work is my sphere.

My family is poor, just now, heavy claims on me. My two eldest boys nearly 15 and 13 need a good school. Have thought of removing to St. Anthony and giving my three boys a chance to go through the course in the State University. It has a good preparatory department, is ready to organize a Freshman Class and is likely to have a corps of good teachers and professors shortly. Tuition free. I could from there supply my present field as long as necessary and then find other missionary work nearer. But my oldest boy is rather inclined to farming. Hence I have thought of a field in latitude about 42 degrees (I was born and bred in that parallel) where I could find besides 100 things essential to a good home -- with a good scientific and classical school, academy or college. 2nd, A good farm, not large, but affording good land, water, fuel, fruit, health, &c. a home to satisfy one who has seen good ones; and 3d, A hopeful missionary field; it might be a short distance from the town and farm -- am not afraid of work -- I love pioneer missionary work, but I want to work where it is necessary and hopeful. Don't like to compete with other evangelical denominations, especially kindred ones.

Am not particular about the exact latitude, only I am afraid to go very far south -- afraid of a bilious or aguish country.

Have just read your letter in the Presbyterian of 31 July.

I am regarded as fixed here, but do not so regard myself. Have said nothing about leaving except to Brother Lyon, who has this week just returned from the east, to prosecute his general work, for the present --- uncertain where he will live or board.

I have thought it barely possible that I might take a trip through northern and western Iowa just after Synod--1st of October. Either go down the Mississippi and across Iowa by Railroad, &c., or drive a horse and buggy.

Any suggestions on any of the above matters will be gladly received.

Have read with great interest of your work there. God bless you in it. May He ever guide me to my work.

All well and send kindest regards.

Fraternally,

Charles Thayer.

Will you be at our Synod?

Rawlins Springs, Wyoming Territory,  
August 8, 1869.

We the undersigned, being members of the Church of Christ in other portions of the land and desirous of obtaining church privileges in this place, do hereby request Rev. Sheldon Jackson to organize us into a Presbyterian Church and send us at his earliest convenience a Minister -

Wm. C. Wilson,  
H. C. Hall, Bethel N. S.  
L. R. Woods,  
S.F.W. Day,  
Mrs. S. K. Swain,  
Eliza Kenyon.

Union Ridge, Iowa, August 9, 1869.

A few lines to S. Jackson -

Dear Brother in Christ:

After our best respects to you I will endeavor to inform you that we are still destitute of ministerial services. We wrote to Philadelphia to John Chambers but we have not received an answer yet, so we thought that we would see if you could send us a minister for this field of labor.

Brother Merrill from the Center was with us the 11th of July and administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Our prayer is that the time may speedily come when God in his kind providence may so order that we may be supplied with the living ministry thst our church may be brought up and that we may be enlightened and grow in grace and in the knowledge of his truth and be saved in his spiritual kingdom.

May God prosper you in your labors of love towards sinful humanity.

Nothing more at present but remain

Yours truly, - hoping to hear soon  
from you ,

James Harlan, and  
L. Armstrong, Elders.

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bryan, Wyoming Territory, August 9, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I held service here yesterday afternoon and evening. But few came out in the afternoon but in the evening I had the largest congregation I have yet had the pleasure of meeting. since I came out to this country -- They listened very attentively-- A few ladies were present and they seemed very anxious that the services should be continued regularly and I promised that they should. I think a good congregation can be collected any Sunday at the " Y ". A few from the town will also attend. They promise to assist in erecting a church and I believe we should put up a reasonable building here as cheap as one as permissible. I had no expectation of meeting with so much encouragement here. I have found no Christians at all. But I think a good many would like to have a church, and would attend it.

My valise did not come yesterday. It was checked at Corinne, and put on board the cars all right, but must have been taken off somewhere. The baggage master who went up last night promised to have it sent down to-day. So I hope to get away tomorrow. Let me hear from you.

Fraternally,  
M. Hughes.

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Marengo, Illinois, August 11, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Your letter from Helena was this day received. Your telegram was also duly received. I did not reply to the latter for I was not sure of its reaching you.

In reply to the letter I may say that I am disposed to accept the invitation to Helena, as I have not heard from Lincoln, except indirectly through Brother Cleland. I shall be at home until after the 24th August and should be very happy indeed to meet you. Come and make us a visit -- get acquainted with the better half and tell us all about that distant field. It is natural that while anxious to follow the call of duty in Jesus' name, we should also desire to know the surroundings. Col. Vawter is a personal friend, and his family belong to this fold. Please visit us, -- as it will cost you no more I think to go or return to Chicago by the way of Fulton and



Freeport than by the old route. Mrs. Peck and myself unite in prayers for the Divine blessing upon you in your multiplied labors.

Yours in the faith,  
H. P. peck.

P.S. - I think I could be ready by the 1st of October to be in Helena, but I would prefer to wait until I see or hear from you more fully before making a final decision. I should like information regarding the route; the expenses of travelling; expense of living, &c. I doubt not the Lord will take care of us, but He expects us also to be diligent in using means. If you do not come please write, but come if possible. I will only say that I am pleased with the prospect and quite disposed to go to Helena; but will reserve a final decision until I hear more fully from you, or have a personal interview. You know I have not the means necessary to defray the expenses of removal, &c., and if these are provided I know of nothing to prevent my acceptance of the invitation.

N. P. Peck.

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33 Lombard Block, Chicago, Ill.  
August 12, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

Before contracting for the material for the Cheyenne Church which you propose obtaining here it is necessary that we should know if cash payment will be made upon receipt of materials which may be forwarded. Please favor us with information relative to this at your earliest convenience, as it will necessarily have a bearing on the terms of the contract. After prolong labors we have got off the plans -- retaining such of the details as illustrate the work to be done here. We have endeavored to make the plans and specifications very explicit; mor so from the fact of the church being so distant as to render it impossible for us to give its erection our personal superintendence. We remain

Yours &c.,  
Cochrane & Piquenard,  
Architects.

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Pelle Air, Johnson Co., Iowa, August 17, '69.

Rev. S. Jackson:

I have understood that you are general agent for the Presbyterian Church in the State of Iowa, and being a member of the same branch of the church at Phil's I address you this note of inquiry to know who is the Sunday School agent, also the name and address of the general Bible agent in Iowa? I am spending the summer in Washington county about midway between Iowa City and Washington and was much surprised on coming here

to find such a very great dearth in spiritual things. The country is fine and the farmers abundantly able to support a regular minister, but they have no church within four miles except a United Brethren church about two miles from the Middleburg house in the vicinity to which I refer where there is only preaching once a month. We have at length organized a Sunday School at the school house after a very great effort. The sub-director being an infidel would not allow us to have the school house until he found that we would meet in the grove or in neighboring houses, and being the physician here it seemed to hurt his popularity so we got the school house after much effort, and if it is not too much may I ask that you will visit our Sunday School and if possible preach for us sometime during this summer?

I have two cousins here, both of whom have families of interesting children and although neither of them are members of any church they are both baptized members of the Presbyterian church and were educated in our church, but to attend Presbyterian church they would have to go to Washington, which is about fourteen miles distant and I hope you will not forget this neighborhood, and if you cannot come, send us a minister. I think that it would be well to make this a point of special interest; I mean a missionary point where the people could have an opportunity to attend upon a stated ministry and have no doubt but the people in a few years would support the gospel liberally. I shall only be here a few months longer, but in the mean time shall hope to hear from you.

Most respectfully  
S. Virginia Woods.

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Astoria, New York, August 17, 1869.

Rev. S. Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

I inclose a Post Order for twenty-two dollars which you will please use according to your discretion for the cause of Home Missions.

I have read with interest your letters in the Presbyterian and rejoice that you are engaged in this good work.

I have neglected to answer your letter because I was waiting for something favorable.

As to the Pass on the Rail Road I hope you have in some way succeeded. I wrote to Mr. Jenks immediately, and soon after saw him; he said that the former Director had been so lavish in their distribution of passes that the present Directors felt it necessary to curtail and had gone to the opposite extreme. Alfred spoke of writing to Mr. Jesse L. Williams of Fort Wayne, and I thought no one that I knew would be more likely to do something for you.

We hear regularly from Alfred. He is well and hard at work -- Last week rode to Presbytery to Albert Lea.

Mr. Kiehle called on us last week; we were much pleased with him and enjoyed his call.

We are all as well as usual. Mrs. Stead joins in kind remembrances. Please remember me kindly to Mrs. Jackson.

I shall be glad in any way I can to cooperate with you and am always pleased to hear from you.

Truly yours in Christian love,  
B. F. Stead.

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Grand Island Station, August 17, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I have not commenced yet with a subscription as I thought best to hold on for a short time until the Railroad Co. makes another payment and the farmers get their crops into market. Mr. Beebe and others advise that course. I will start the subscription in about three weeks.

I am yours in Christ,

Robert Mitchell.

N.B. - I will write you again but please keep me posted as to where you will be, &c. R. M.

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Cheyenne, Wyo. T., August 18, 1869.

Brother Jackson:

I think all are willing for you to have all the work done in Chicago that will be to your interest to have done, even if no sewing of

It is cool here -- evenings sometimes almost uncomfortable. money. It has been very hot. Mrs. Hook was very much disappointed in not seeing you. What have Cleland and you determined in reference to Plattsburgh?

Something must be the matter with me --- The Episcopal chaplain at the Fort has invited me to preach for him.

I have not been well on account of the very sudden change from hot to cool. But am all O.K. this morning. Had a good letter from Patterson -- All is well. He as happy as a young "bantam" in domestic life.

Claremont he says promise well. Was on his way to Presbytery to visit and dedicate Dr. Paxton's "little adopted daughter". Cravens Church was dedicated--all completed and little debt -- which was assumed I suppose.

Regards to Mrs. Jackson. Yours,

John L. Gage.

I have forwarded two letters to you. I wish Cleland could send me the tracts, &c.

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Muscatine, Iowa, August 18, 1869.

Rev. S. Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

I am interested in your work, and by your letters in the "Presbyterian." Have been pained by the attacks of Brother J. D. Mason upon you. Your reply was triumphant.

I write you now to put you on your guard. Dr. Musgrave has given him some kind of a commission extending over Iowa, Minnesota and Nebraska, and perhaps some more territory. The nature of it I am not acquainted with. He wrote me a few days since that he had been written to by Dr. Musgrave to go up to Minnesota and spend a few weeks there, and he told Dr. Anderson of Davenport that he was being sent up there to look after your work in that state.

From all that I can see I am disposed to think that Dr. Musgrave is desirous to crush you, because you are not acting under his commission, and that Mason is sent up into Minnesota as a "detective" to see if any defects can be found in your work there. As Mason is a very bitter man and has already prejudiced you, it is very plain what kind of a report he will make to the Board.

He is also very bitter against me, and is talking very hard against me, but for this I care nothing, so long as God's work prospers and the church is extended.

Be on your guard in all your public refutations of his attacks; keep cool, and let your replies be tempered with Christian meekness, and gentleness.

Hoping that the Master may greatly bless and prosper your efforts to build up his kingdom, I remain

Yours truly,  
John Armstrong.

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Missionary Notes.

May 13 to June 4, 1869.

Thursday, May 13, 1869 --- Hamburg:

My first day out as Presbyterian Missionary under Presbytery Missouri River in care of the Session of the 1st Presbyterian Church, Nebraska City, Nebraska, Hamburg --- left home at 10 A. M., stopped a few minutes at the School House in Eastport in Fremont County, opposite Nebraska City. The school is in charge of Mr. H. A. Graham, a former pupil of Otoe Community. He has one arm only. He reports average attendance at the Sunday School, which is under Methodist control, as 28. They have lately obtained an addition to their library. They have looked for an increase in members. There have been from 50 to 70 scholars in attendance at the Day School. They have preaching about three times a month, by Mr. Showls of the B. S. Church, Nebraska City, by Mr. P. Fling, M. E. church, Hamburg, and by a Mr. Hooker of whom I know nothing. Dr. Snowden of our church has addressed them. I made arrangements with Mr. Graham by which I can address him and have ap-

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pointments given out for my own service about five weeks from now. I shook hands and spoke to the children of the School during recess urging and getting promise of attendance on and work for the school. Met a Mr. Evans, Cumberland Presbyterian 4 1/2 miles N.W. of Hamburg at Riverside. He has n't attended church for four months about. Gave him a tract on the Sabbath. Arrived at Hamburg at 1 1/2 P. M. Found 7 O. S. Presbyterians. Mr. & Mrs. Crouse, Mr. & Mrs. Daugheiser, Miss Lucy C. Austin, Mr. Ferguson, and Mr. Thacker of Nebraska City. Addressed Mr. Ferguson's school on the money making, literary and religious aspects of education. Had excellent attention. Mr. Ferguson gave notice of religious service on Sabbath by me at eleven A. M. Led the M. E. Prayer meeting by invitation of Rev. Mr. O'Fling. Spoke to them on Ephesians 6, especially last clause of verse 13th. Mr. O'Fling spoke. Gave notice of religious service in morning and evening of next Sabbath and an address to the children at 2 1/2 P. M. I find 3 Congregationalists in communion now here.

service of Rev. Mr. Rice of Council Bluffs. He does not seem to be acceptable. A chance of their fusion with ours if church organized. There is also one other family of them. Prayed with Mrs. Craven and child. Mr. & Mrs. Daugheiser can speak but little English. Kode 12 miles.

Friday, May 14, 1869.

Visited about half of the town. Found most of the people to be of the M. E. Christian and Baptist churches. The Baptists have 4 members besides others not in communing. I find a good number of each denomination out of communion with their respective churches. I find now about 6 families of Congregationalists, Mr. & Mrs. Holmes, Danforths, Dunn, Putney, Of Episcopalians there are 11 members with no organization. Half of the Congregationalists are out of communion, and some not converted being such only by education. I find one family--Redfield of latter day Saints, 3 of Roman Catholics, About the same of Dunkers. Mr. Huffman a German, claims Presbyterian membership in Germany. I guess he is a Lutheran. He has been 12 years in America without union with any church. (Why is it that German Lutherans choose our church above others?) Huffman says there is a carpenter who is a Presbyterian. Mr. Crouse (O.S.) keeps a lager beer saloon! Put notice of meetings in the paper. Prayed with and held conversation with a goodly number of families and persons to-day. Spoke a word wherever the way seemed open, urging the immediate acceptance of Christ. They will all acknowledge the need of redemption and faith in Christ but not now -- sometime. O, God, turn them and bless every word said and action done for them. Distributed a few tracts in the afternoon. I regret not having one for every family in town. Found one family of M. E. education without a Bible, and one whose father has determined his children shall be brought up without the fear of God. One girl of about 18 thought she was too young to unite with the church.

I found a woman who lives three doors from the corner of the street which is located in a north direction who is a Methodist, but is now halting between Presbyterian and Baptist. Doubtful.

Met Mr. Young and wife who are Cumberland Presbyterians. He an Elder in the McKissack's Grove C. Pres. Church. He invited me to stop with him. He reports no C. S. Presbyterians in the Grove to his knowledge. I suppose his church has the most important place. Rev. Mr. Means of Montgomery county is Pastor. These 4 churches in this county under his charge -- at the Grove, Spring Valley, Plum Hollow, and one upon the Nishny - about 10 miles from here.

Saturday, May 15, 1869.

Finished calling in Jamburg, having visited or inquired about almost every house in the town. I find a blacksmith (I believe) Mr. Thompson, educated as a Presbyterian. His wife is a Methodist. Found a Mr. Rush and wife a carpenter, wife were Presbyterians in Germany; have since been German Methodists. He is somewhat alienated from English speaking Presbyterians. His wife is now favorable. He says there are 15 or 20 families of German Lutheran and Presbyterians in the town and neighborhood and hinted that a German speaking preacher would get them all, no matter about what evangelical faith. I found two families in the same row with Mrs. Dunn who are Lutherans -- can speak little or no English.

In the afternoon with Mr. Ferguson I called on Mr. Rood and family. He has a wife and 7 children. Infancy to 18 years. He is a Scotch\*Presbyterian, left Scotland in 1841. Has lost his letter but not his love for Presbyterianism. He wants his child baptized. His wife is a member of our church. He lives on the road to Sidney out 2 miles about. Called on Mrs. Parker. She was out; left a Tract there and at ... called on me on my return to Austin's. She expresses her willingness to united with us. Her husband is not a member of any church. There is a Mr. Eaton (formerly editor of the paper here) and his wife who are Presbyterians by education--at least she is. I missed them through a misunderstanding. He makes light of sacred things. As a result of investigation so far, I find 7 members in town, 2 in the country, and Mr. Beach and family are expected next week. In all 11 persons; 8 persons in town, and 2 or 3 in the country who are or might be adherents to our church. Then there are 15 or 20 Lutheran families who might yield some Presbyterians; the Congregationalists being weak in numbers, 6 families in activity and also the Episcopalians--all persons, might also yield all or a few. These all Presbyterians, Lutherans, Congregationalists and Episcopalians, number between 30 and 40 families. Rode 5 miles.

Sabbath, May 16, 1869.

I addressed the Baptist Sunday School of 136 and Christian Sunday School of 45 on "God's providence and love." I delivered my sermon on Titus 3: 1-2 to an audience of 120 or more at 11 A.M. At half past 2 I

addressed about 140 children and adults on "Who is He?" in schoolhouse. In evening 7 3/4 a congregation 150 heard me on Matthew 11: 28-30.

I found Mr. Jacobs is an O. S. Presbyterian. Also Mr. Griffith (infirm in mind) and Mr. Ellidge. My services to-day left me quite exhausted but happy. There are 240 children from 5 to 21 years of age here, and 185 in Sunday School. Hamburg, 1 1/2 miles from Missouri line and 3 miles from the Missouri River, 12 miles from Sidney county seat and the same distance from Nebraska City. Beautiful for situation mostly in a valley -- a high hill on west sloping N.E. "Niska" east and Spring brook on South; 1200 people, one church edifice, Christian. Two in contemplation - M.E.N., Baptist. A brick schoolhouse, two stores, 4 church organizations, Baptist, M.E. North, Christian and Congregational. 3 Sunday Schools, Methodist Episcopal North, Baptist, and Christian. M. E. N. is the best.

Monday, May 17, 1869. Sidney.

Left Hamburg after calling on Mrs. Jacobs, south of town in two-story white house. I am greatly indebted to her and Miss Austin for hospitality to me all the time while at Hamburg. To Mr. Reuben Simonds for entertainment of my pony "Jenny". On way to Sidney, I called and had prayer at Ellidge's at Beckus's. Had dinner and worship at Mr. Powers' on "Singleton Farm." Mr. Ellidge is a young man who underwent the new birth and church membership last December. His folks are Baptists. Mr., Mrs. & Miss Bain are members of our church, or rather Mrs. Bain is a United Presbyterian.

Mrs. Wm. Bain, not well, is a lover of Jesus. I addressed Miss Nellie Scott's school of about 30, 2 miles north from Hamburg on the road - on the "travelling up science hill and that of Zion." Also Miss Matilda Bolin's school of same number and on same subject. I tried to find Mrs. Martin aged and a widow--a long neglected widow, but failed. I will try again.

Arrived at Sidney. Met Rev. Messrs. Bishop and Westcott.

Stopped all night at Mr. Geo. Chapman's, 2 1/2 miles west of Sidney. Sent word to Manti of services and presence by a former pupil of mine. I am to make my home at B 3 miles this side of Hamburg - at Ellidge's, 2 1/2 miles of Hamburg, at Bain's 2 1/2 south of Sidney, at Mr. Young's C. P. Elder in Hamburg, at Geo. Cowles, Elder in Hamburg. I gave some tracts away -- One on the "Refuge of Sins" to a man who belonged to his own church - raised a Quaker. Met Judge Sears - Elder of Sidney Pres. Church, Old School. Rode 20 miles.

Tuesday, May 18, 1869. Manti.

Found Mrs. Martin after a long and round-about ride. She is 76 years old and much bent with age. Is a widow; full of Christian hope. She has been a member of the church for 40 years. During the last few years she has been a Prot. Methodist for want of a Presbyterian church in the neighborhood. I read John 14 and prayed with her. I arrived at Manti. I find there are 2 Presbyterians Old School Presbyterians here so far. There is some doubt as to whether the school house can be gotten, as the con-

tract has not been handed out. It is a large, new, and commodious building.

I came across no Pres. Old School in a ride of 20 miles. Just this side of bridge lives a woman who was educated as an O. S. Presbyterian but is now a Methodist. I find a school house in the grove where Mrs. Martin lives, where I might hold service and establish a Sunday School. I find a schoolhouse where there are 40 scholars in attendance in "District 14" about one mile east of the northwest & on the road to Manti.

Mr. White of Sidney had preaching stations at West Grove and Hickory Grove,-- and north of Sidney. Those who lived (Pres.) on the Nishkiny came to Hickory to preaching and to Sidney to communion. I rode 25 miles to-day.

Wednesday, May 19, 1869.

Visited Mr. Blake, Superintendent of Sunday School, and a Methodist Episcopalian. He seems somewhat unwilling to let me have the whole house for an address to the children. I hope he may grant it. Left at various places tracts. "Why I love my Church." And "Missionary Colportage in China." Met a Mr. & Mrs. Berryman, who were educated Congregationalists. Mr. Frank Redfield & wife expected this fall are Congregationalists. He is the son of Mr. Hiram Redfield who with his 2 daughters here are members of our church. Mr. Galt, wife and her mother are members of our church. They are all the Presbyterians (O. S.), I have found so far. I find Baptists, Christians, M. E. and Pres. and Latter Day Saints and Catholics. Rode 12 miles.

Thursday, May 20, 1869.

I think I have obtained the schoolhouse in which to meet next Sabbath. I find Mr. Long's family are Lutherans. Prayed with them. Rode 6 miles. I heard of and formed the determination to visit, God willing, Calmar and Mill Creek settlements, and Kenyon's grove.-- 7, 8 and 12 miles from here.

Friday, May 21, 1869.

I find Mr. & Mrs. Corbett are now M. E. were formerly United Brethren, but originally Old School Presbyterians, and would gladly re-unite. Mr. Platner & wife, and Mrs. Deering, are Lutherans, called on the first two families, and prayed with them. Mr. Resin was raised an O. S. Pres. Visited old friends. I have spread notice of services, so that all about know of it. Got permission from Mr. De Forest to address the Sunday School the whole time. Rode 10 miles.

Saturday, May 22, 1869.

Rode out about 6 miles to get the key to open the school house for service tomorrow. Could not get it. I found that 2 brothers, one of whom, David Criswell, is a member of our church lives a little southeast of Lovelylady on the Divide between the Nishkiny. Rode 13 miles.

Sabbath, May 23, 1869.

Addressed the Sunday School and held service at 11 A.M. and 4 1/2 P.M. Had about 100 at the 11 o'clock service. Spoke



under difficulties as the people were in two rooms, on the porch, and outside at De Forest's. People call it the largest attendance at church they had yet seen there. Mr. John O. McClelen, living at the head of Mill Creek, 6 miles from here, are O.S.Pres., attended, taking dinner with us at Galts. He is willing to unite here if an organization is formed. Sent two tracts to his wife who is not a believer. He has 5 children. Next time I must come to Monti through the Mill Creek settlement; Corbett's are at Mill Creek; McClure lives at Locust Grove. I can then have an evening appointment at Monti, an afternoon at schoolhouse district 14 between old Shirley's and a morning one at the schoolhouse near place. Return and fill them all in one day.

Monday, May 24, 1869.

Raining all day. I rested therefore, reading the papers, etc. I studied a little. I omitted to note that in the Walnut Creek settlement there are several Presbyterian families that have been absorbed by the Methodist Episcopalians. Also there are several families on the divide between East Mishikin and that Creek, who are from Boston. They may furnish some Congregationalists. Manti schoolhouse would hold 200 on a pinch.

Tuesday, May 25, 1869. Page City.

Left Brother Galt's (Martin R.). Took dinner with Brother Limerick of the U. P. Church on the hill above the McDonald School House in Millersettlement, Clarinda road. His wife and two of his grown children are U. Presbyterians. Met his son between his home and Page City, Adolphus, the school taught by Miss Alexander, educated as U. P. I find Mrs. Street between Baker's and Limerick's is an O. S. Pres. from Adrian, Michigan. I addressed Paulsley's school, taught by Mr. Turk who with his sister Miss Turk are O.S. Pres. live at Turner's 2 1/2 south of Paulsley's Schoolhouse. I arrived after 20 miles riding at Dr. James Wilson's, O. S. Pres. student of University. to be licensed next month. Stopped with him - 4 in family. Clarinda members. All O. S. Pres. here are Clarinda members. There about 100 in Clarinda church. U. Presbyterians numerous here. There is a schoolhouse here at Page City, at McDonald's 3 or 4 miles north; at Paulsley's 2 1/2 west, and at Tarkio City on E. Tarkio River, 3 miles west.

Wednesday, May 26, 1869.

Studied, wrote part of reply to Sessions of church. Attempted to reach Clarinda to hold prayer meeting there. Failed because of very severe rainstorm. Gave notice of service tomorrow night at Page Schoolhouse. Addressed the school. Stopped at O. S. Pres. Elder Beaton's. Rode 5 miles.

Thursday, May 27, 1869.

Visited Clarinda. visited M.E. and U. P. preachers. Made arrangements for next Sabbath's services putting notice in the paper. Visited public school; opened it with prayer, reading Scripture. Addressed 2 departments. Visited McNutt's Schoolhouse 2 miles east of Page City, on Brownville road and Paulsley's 2 1/2 west of same place and on same road. Gave notice of the evening service at Page City schoolhouse. Visited Old Mr.

Woodworth - sick. Had worship and supper with him and his. On the way there I got thrown from my pony into a miry branch. Badly wet and muddied. Held service at Page City schoolhouse 50 west. Rode 15 miles.

Friday, May 28, 1869.

Studied. Not very well from disordered liver and my wetting yesterday. Visited family of Elder James Pruyn at Page City; had tea with him.

Saturday, May 29, 1869.

Rode 6 miles to Clarinda. Stopped at A. Lo

Rested most of afternoon, being weak from use of medicine, &c. Presented the importance of looking beyond erring brethren's action to Christ and faith in Him above mere works to a fellow-traveller. Combated the idea in an old man that conscience was all of of converting power and punishment. Said a word for Christ to some little girls.

Sabbath, May 30, 1869.

Held service morning and evening at Old Presbyterian Church at Clarinda. Good audience. Addressed 400 children and adults at the M. E. Church at my "Children's Meeting" with great freedom and I believe with good effect. God grant his blessing. Spoke a word for Jesus to some young people in private. Addressed the U. P. Sunday School -- sermon on a clip". Visited 4 schools in the morning and one this afternoon.

Monday, May 31, 1869.

Studied, read, rested, and took part in exercises of the ceremony of strewing flowers on the graves of dead soldiers of the Union. Received \$5.25 for services of yesterday - my first fee in the ministry.

Clarinda has a fine public school with 6 departments. Infant to High School. Prof. Wood of our church principal. It has 5 church edifices O. S. Pres. and U. P., M. E., Baptist, Universalist, and each has a flourishing Sunday School. An interesting feature in ours and some of the others is the Bible classes of old men. It is a fine town. Educational and religious interests are high.

June 1, 1869. Amity.

Studied. Left Clarinda and the kind hospitality of Mr. A. Loram at noon. Rode 3 miles to Axtell - 1 mile west of Paddyville and 4 east of Amity. Am here. His family has 5 Old School Presbyterians in it.

June 2, 1869.

Rode 7 1/2 miles with Mr. Axtell who is elder of Pleasant Ridge Church; called on Mrs. Ferguson and on her father and brother's family. Went to Amity, made arrangements for 3 services on the Sabbath.

June 3, 1869. Thursday.

Rode 9 miles visiting Amity. Felchers, Miss Sarah Shepherd's school, Miss Hall's, Mr. Nelson's, where I stopped. Held service in Hall's schoolhouse in the evening with about 25 in attendance. Eph. 6. Mrs. Felch was educated an O. S. Pres. Mr. Nelson's family includes 3 O. S. Pres. Mrs. Hall, a daughter of Nelson's

O. S. Presbyterians, and Mr Nelson's one son a U. Presbyterians. They live in Nodaway County 1 mile from Iowa line. Sabbath, and an address to the children at 2 1/2 P. M. I find 3 Congregationalists in communion here.

June 4, 1869. Friday.

Rode 9 miles from Nelson's to Armstrong's. Addressed the School west of Amity taught by Mrs. Armstrong. They are both teachers and live at his parents who are Congregationalists out of communion.

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 Missionary Notes.

Amity, June 5, 1869. Saturday.

Left Armstrong (A.M.) Called at Turner's. His brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Miss Turk, are members of our Clarinda Church. At Follets she is an O. S. Pres.; at Brownlee's she is an O.S.Pres. two weeks out from Church of Iberia, O. At Podwell's she is a member O.S.Pres.; at Mr. Albert Pierce's He is an adherent. These live north of Amity. Mrs. Brownlee may move south of Amity, Mrs. Coe and Mr. Farhart in Amity, are O.S.Pres. In Clarinda Miss White, music teacher, is an adherent She is in Amity. I Rode 15 miles. Had family prayer 3 times.

Sabbath, June 6, 1869.

Held service in the morning in the Schoolhouse, Amity. 50 present. In evening in Congregational Church because school house would hold all -- 150. In the afternoon addressed the children and adults - 300 in U. P. Church. A very solemn service. Rode 5 miles out to Axtell - 1 mile in morning - 6.

Monday, June 7, 1869.

Rested. Read - gathered strawberries - visited Miss Jennie Trimbull's school. Addressed it. Gave out an appointment for meeting tomorrow evening.

As the result in Amity I find we have 23 members, and 14 adherents who might yield several additional members - in all 37 including 14 families and 4 single and separate persons in the following order:

East Amity:-

Nathan Axtell & family our Elder of Pleasant Ridge, 6 members +

Mrs. Ferguson- Husband raised O.S.Pres.

Mr. Robb, Jr., & wife (M.E.) and Mrs. Robb Sr., 3 "

South Amity:-

Mr. Nelson's family, 3 members and 1 U.P. son.

Mrs. Hall (daughter ) 1 member -

Husband raised M. E.

Mrs. Felch and Husband, adherents.

West Amity:-

Mrs. A. W. Armstrong & wife members.

North of Amity:

Mr. & Miss Turk at Turner's 2 members.

Mrs. Follet, member, husband raised O.S.Pres. 6 children.

Mr. & Mrs. Bostwick, adherents.

Mrs. Brownlee, Member. Husband adherent.  
 Mrs. Bodwell, "  
 Mr. A. Pearce, adherent.  
 Mrs. Simpson, Member. Husband religious not member. Raised  
 U. P

In Amity:

Mrs. Coe, Member - Husband not religious.  
 Mr. Barnhart, " Wife U. P  
 Miss White, adherent.

A large number of our members have been absorbed by the United Presbyterian and Congregational Churches.

Many would be willing to return. Amity has a United Presbyterian and Congregational Church, a Schoolhouse, where Wesleyan and Methodist Episcopalians meet.

An academy; no saloons - a beautiful but scattered village. Country around settling remarkably fast, and a very great and crying need of an Old School Presbyterian organization.

Tuesday, June 8, 1869.

Studied. Read. Much pleased with "Nelson on Infidelity." Held a religious service at the schoolhouse in Axtell's neighborhood. About 50 present. Expounded a chapter, sung one hymn, prayed twice. Our service suffered from inconvenience of having but two candles, no hymn books, but two, and no one but my unmusical self to lead. Spoke plainly. This neighborhood has the character of Sabbath breaking, and general and marked inconsistency among professing Christians.

Wednesday, June 9, 1869.

Studied. Read. After dinner left with Axtell for "Pleasant Ridge" Church. Rode 7 miles. This Church is east of the Nodaway in Buchanan Township. Numbers now 11 members. Stopped with Mr. Kelly for supper. Stayed all night at David Calhoun's. Had family worship with his family twice. I have been omitting particular mention of families prayed with and those with whom I have had family worship.

Thursday, June 10, 1869.

Visited Mr. Erastus Clark's - aged and infirm. 2 single sons and a widowed daughter and two children and his wife with him. Spoke specially of their soul's salvation to two persons. Had family worship. Prayed with Mr. Snodgrass's family on the way. After dinner Mr. Murphy and family. Stopped all night. Had family worship twice. Rode 5 miles. 7 children in his family.

Friday, June 11, 1869.

Visited Mr. Ebenezer McFarland. He adheres to our church and with his wife, an M. E., will unite on opportunity. 2 children. Had prayer. Visited Mrs. Sarah Creps. She is the only member in her family. Her children all married; most of them live near, one at home. She has been much afflicted - sick in bed six months. Now weakly convalescent. Read to her. Prayed with them. Returned to Kelly's where I had family worship, calling on the way at John Calhoun's. Visited also Fixly school house on Clarinda and Buchanan Road. Addressed and gave notice

of appointment at Calhoun's schoolhouse in it. Stopped all night at David Calhoun's - family worship twice. Rode 13 miles.

So there are 11 members of this church, one of Clarinda church one visit here - and several families of adherents. This place like the rest of the country has been shamefully neglected by our church, and most favorable opportunity of enlarging our bounds and saving souls have have been sinfully passed by. Why will our church preserve such a lame organization as the present force of its Home Board, so long, when the times and necessities of the church demand the same force for it that the Foreign Board has?

Saturday, June 12, 1869.

Read. Studied. Stopping morning at D. Calhoun's, noon at Neaty Kelly's, and all night at John Calhoun's. Had family worship twice. Gave consolation to Mrs. Calhoun, aged 72, in sudden illness.

Sabbath, June 13, 1869.

Held 3 services, 10 1/2, 3 and 4 o'clock, with 75, 125, and 125 persons present. The 3 P. M. service was for the children. Spoke to the people afternoon service and raised \$10 for the school. The church gave \$3.50 for services. During morning there were services at neighboring schools. In afternoon the schoolroom was full. This is the first time regular service with a sermon was ever held there. Stopped all night at Neaty Kelly's with whom I can correspond.

Monday, June 14, 1869.

Left Kelly's after family worship and rode 10 miles to Clarinda. Stopped at Lovanz's. --- Visited Rev. Mr. Westcott, who has been called to six months service at Clarinda. Had tea with him. Met a pleasant company at Lovanz's. --- Had family worship and at Westcott's.

Tuesday, June 15, 1869.

Left Clarinda. Rode 8 miles to Hawleyville. Called on the Rumbaugh's. Both he and his wife out. Called on two Cumberland Presbyterians. Then visited Mr. Stephen McAlpine. Had dinner and family worship. Brother John Mc Lane, Ruling Elder, Clarinda, called on me there. made arrangements for 3 services on Sabbath - June 27th. Dr. Wall is adherent. Rode 7 miles to "West Settlement". Stopped at George West's. His wife and her brother O. S. Presbyterians. Find here a family of 6 adults-- Presbytery adherence and profession. Had family worship.

Wednesday, June 16, 1869.

In Taylor County.

Read; talked &c. at George West's. After dinner I left. Called and had prayer with Burnsides and Arbuckles. The heads of these families belong to what they call the "Relief Pres. Church" of Scotland. They I suppose will unite with our church at Nodaway City - a just beginning Railroad town on east side of East Nodaway on Burlington and Missouri River R. R.. Rev. Mr. McElhinny is about to organize a church here. There are hopes of nearly 20 members. They have a Sunday School called "Nodaway" at Merrif's Schoolhouse.

## In Adams County.

Rode on 3 1/2 miles to John Brown's. He and his wife are O. S. Presbyterians. His family and their family are M. E. We hope to have John Brown as the elder for the new church. Family worship twice.

Thursday, June 17, 1869. (Adams County.)

Left Brown's. Rode to Allsten Dunning's --- Had dinner and a pleasant visit with them. Rode with his daughter to Tomlinson's ( Joe . Then back with Miss Minnie A. Mobley &c. Visited Merrif's Schoolhouse taught by Miss Shipley. --- . Gave notice of meetings on the Sabbath. Rode to S. Arnspoker's . Mrs. A. Dunning and the two Arnspokers are members, O. S. Presbyterians. Rode 10 1/2 miles. Family worship.

Friday, June 18, 1869.

Rode 5 miles. Visited and took dinner with Mrs. Castle - O. S. Presbyterians. Stayed all night at Ritchey's. Prayer once. Family worship once; visited Methodist Grove Schoolhouse; gave notice of my meeting. This makes 3 Old School Presbyterians.

Saturday, June 19, 1869.

Rode 8 miles. Took dinner at Almont Dunning's, whose Post Office is East Nodaway, Adams County. Called at Joe Tomlinson's -- who is an M. E. Stayed all night at John Brown's who is likely to be our Elder when Brother McElhinney organizes the church here next Sabbath morning. Family worship twice.

Sabbath, June 20, 1869.

Merrif's Schoolhouse - Blackboard exercise on the Cross. Rode 3 1/2 miles and addressed the Sunday School at West School House. "Sermon on a Clip" - riding through the rain. Then held my 3 services there, at 11, 3 and 4 o'clock. Good audiences though a dark, damp day. House not able to hold all. In the afternoon 75 to 100. By private gift of different members of our church from Saturday to Monday I have received \$8.50 for services, though none asked for. The givers being Mr. & Mrs. Ritchey, Mr. & Mrs. Beysen, and family of Mrs. Anderson, with whom I spent the night riding since morning 1 1/2 miles -- in all 5 miles. Family worship twice.

Monday, June 21, 1869.

Rode 6 miles - very tired and much prostrated. Left Anderson's at 2 P. M. Visited old Mr. & Mrs. Beysen, John and wife, Mr. Woods Congregationalists. and reached Elder John McLane's Had family worship twice -- prayer once. This neighborhood contains the following members and adherents:-

John Brown and wife	Members.
S. Arnspoker " "	"
Ritchey " "	"
Mrs. A. Dunning	"
Mrs. Castle	"
Mrs. Welsh	"
Mrs. Geo. West,	Believer.
Mrs. Anderson and daughter Kissie,	believers.- present preference

Congregational. Mr. Anderson used to be O.S.Pres. Mr. and Mrs. Woods are Congregationalists. Mrs. Fletcher Brown and Mrs. William West I believe have an interest. Other adherents who are related to the above and some independent of them. A membership of 15 or 20 might be gathered. I forgot to mention Mrs. and Miss Burnside and Mr. and Mrs. Arbuckle, &c.

Tuesday, June 22, 1869.

Very tired yet. I have been more prostrated than ever before with my work. Am resting. Reading, &c. hunted a little--visited and addressed the School in this district. Gave notice of meetings at Hawleyville next Sabbath. Spoke to a Mrs. Miller pointedly of God's power and providence, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Had family worship twice. I often drop a word of exhortation as I pass or am stopping at a place of which I take no written notice.

Wednesday, June 23, 1869.

Read, rested. Visited Mr. and Mrs. Robinson at Laport's Mill. They are O.S.Presbyterians of Clarinda Church--cold, careless. They are 3 miles from Hawleyville. Family worship twice. Walked 3 miles.

Thursday, June 24, 1869.--Hawleyville.

Went with Elder Maclean to Hawleyville. Called on Stephen McAlpine and Thomas McAlpine where we dined and had family worship. At Mrs. McAlpine's and stayed all night at Mr. Liggett's whose wife is an O. S. Pres. After calling on Mrs. Nash who is now a United Presbyterian, formerly O. S. pres.; her daughter Eva, a former pupil of mine, a Baptist, but very worldly, and on Mr. & Mrs. Kelly, O.S.Pres. Had prayer with him and family worship with Liggetts. Rode 7 miles.

Friday, June 25, 1869.

Rode 3 1/2 miles in afternoon as it rained in the morning, and it rained on me wetting me in the afternoon. Called on Thomas McAlpine; Robert McAlpine, and stayed all night with Russell McAlpine. Family worship twice. Thomas is a Cumberland Presbyterian; so is Robert; Russell and wife are Old School Presbyterians.

Saturday, June 26, 1869.

Rode from Russell to McAlpine's. Beecher is an Old School Presbyterian; his wife is a Methodist Episcopalian. Rode to Hawleyville. Got wet. Took tea at Nash's after a talk to that gospel-hardened sinner Dr. Raunbaugh. Rode 5 miles. Visited Mrs. Sager, O.S.Pres. 80 years of age. Prayer twice. Met Rev. Mr. McElhenney--Family prayer twice.

Sabbath, June 27, 1869.

Held 3 services. Addressed the M. E. Sunday School. Audiences 50, 150, 100 They gave me \$6.45.

Hawleyville has two Sunday Schools, M. E. and "Messiah". The latter the larger. Intemperance too prevalent. Quite a flourishing business place. Our members &c. in and near Hawleyville are as follows:

John McLean & wife, Members Clarinda Church.  
Mr. Robinson "

Stephen Russell wife and  
 Beecher McAlpine  
 Old Mrs. McAlpine  
 Mrs. Liggett  
 Mrs. Sager

Mrs. Nash is a U. Pres. former New School Presbyterian, goes  
 to Valesia in a week or so.

Mr. Kelly & Wide, are N. S. Presbyterians.

Mrs. Emerich is a believer and O. S. Pres- education. Mrs. Raum-  
 baugh is a Lutheran.

Adherents are members of these families

Dr. Walls, Dr. Rumbaugh, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Brandt, whose wife is  
 an M. E. but would make an O. S. P.-- In all 12 of our own  
 church. 5 of other Calvinistic Churches, and adherents, besides  
 Cumberland Presbyterians who might be brought our way. There  
 is a Campbellite organization - a Methodist organization, and house.  
 Our church formerly had an organization. Rode 1 mile. Rev.  
 Mr. Elhenny assisted me in the evening.

Monday, June 28, 1869.

Rested, reading, visiting Mrs. Emerich and Goodneau.  
 Wrote letters. Family worship twice.

Tuesday, June 29, 1869.

Raining in the morning. Read &c. Rode in the afternoon  
 from Stephen McAlpine's to James Black's in "Black's Settlement"-  
 13 miles. Had to jump pony over washed bridge places four times.  
 Very heavy road. Mrs. Gordon (former Miss Ward of our church in  
 Brownsville, Nebraska), an O. S. Pres. is living in "Black Set-  
 tlement" as also young Mr. English, a N. S. Presbyterian. Family  
 worship twice.

Wednesday, June 30, 1869.

Rode from Black's to Red Oak Junction - 12 miles or more.  
 Mr. Walker on the East Tarkao on the Road, is an  
 O. S. Presbyterian - 9 miles about from Red Oak. Met Elder  
 Thomas Rodgers and wife. Mr. Harding, Mr. & Mrs. Montgomery of  
 our church in Red Oak. Made arrangements for next Sabbath --  
 3 services. Dinner and call at Montgomery's - Supper at Rodger's.

Thursday, July 1, 1869.

Visited our people in town; called upon Mrs. Stratton with  
 whom I had dinner and prayer. She is an Episcopalian. Desires  
 uniting with us. Her husband not religious. Mrs. Johnson an  
 O.S.Pres. Mrs. Haller an O. S. Pres., now in connection with  
 M. E. Church. A Miss Harris, a Methodist Epis. willing to unite  
 with us. Mrs. Case, O.S.Pres. from church at Savannah, Missouri,  
 her husband a saloon keeper, Mrs. Hoppin, Epis. might be O.S.Pres.  
 Mrs. Tracy the same, but I did not see her. Mrs. Elliott, O.S.P.  
 out when I called. Mr. St.Clair, U. Pres. will unite. Mr. &  
 Mrs. Harding ( ) will be I judge (are now  
 C. P. & M.E.). Heard of a Mr. Stoddard and family O.S.Pres.  
 from Muscatine, Iowa, who will be here next week, a banker. An-  
 ticipated is a Congregationalist; Of a Mr. Evans O.S.P.  
 from Rock Island - furniture dealer. Supper and all night at  
 Mr. A. Harding's. Prayer &c. 5 times.



Friday, July 2, 1869.

Rode 16 miles, visiting Mrs. Cook at Mrs. Acton's, formerly N. S. Pres. now Congregationalist will be here about 3 months. Mrs. Alexander, U. P. who will unite. Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Cunningham and Miss Sheaw O. S. Pres. Mrs. M. A. Clark, C. S. P. Heard of Mrs. Wayne Stennett, 8 miles out, who either is an Old School Presbyterian or prefers it. Miss Effie Wilkins reports the need of a Sunday School and preaching on Walnut Creek Taylor Schoolhouse five miles from here. There are 32 Sabbath School scholars. Sent them word of services here. Dinner at Cunningham's and all night at Montgomerys. Prayer &c. four times.

Saturday, July 3, 1869.

Rode 3 miles. Called and had dinner and prayer with Mrs. Wieland. She and he are Old School Presbyterians. Called again, but Mr. Elliott was out. Called on a cisk lady, Mrs. Piper, had prayer. Called on Messrs. St. Clair and Richards, on Mrs. A. A. Harding and on Mrs. Rodgers.

Sabbath, July 4, 1869.

Held 3 services as usual. Audiences 175, 100, 200. House in evening filled to overflowing. Visited Baptist Sunday School and its afternoon concert, also the Methodist Episcopal Sunday School which I addressed. I occupied the M. E. Church by voluntary invitation.

Rev. Alex. M. Darley.

June 5th to July 4, 1869.

Rev. Alex. M. Darley,

July 5th to August 8th, 1869.

Missionary Notes.

Monday, July 5, 1869. Red Oak.

Called on Mrs. Goode, Baptist. She told me of the Elwoods at 1 1/2 miles distant. I found it about 2 1/2 to 3. called on Hiram Elwood; not a member nor his family; with him I called on Dr. Cyrus Elwood and family. The Dr. is dying of consumption. He and his wife were received by the session of the Church of Fillmore, Missouri. Not fully through. He possesses a cheerful hope of eternal life. His son, Ashford Elwood, was an O. S. Presbyterian; now with his wife is a Methodist Episcopalian. Took dinner and had prayer with the doctor after speaking of his spiritual condition. Had a discussion with Mr. Hoppin who is deluded with "Manisin", produced by a study of Phrenology; also with Mrs. Parker on "Godism", finding her insane. And with Mrs. Hewitt on baptism. Prayer &c. 3 times.

Called on others of our people. Gave a list of members to Elder Rodgers. The list is as follows:

Rodgers and wife - Cedar Rapids Church.

Montgomery and wife

Willand and wife. He is only by recommendation, having been a Lutheran.

Elwood and wife. Not fully members.  
 Cunningham and wife. Have been in the Church - are O.S.P.  
 Wm. Harding and wife. Were Cumberland Presbyterians.  
 F. R. Elliott. New School of Savannah Church, Young Christian  
 Mr. St. Clair. Was O. Presbyterian.  
 J. M. Wallace, whom I did not find.  
 Mr. Walker, who lives on East Anderson St. Formerly  
 Old School Presbyterian.

Mrs. R. F. Malloch. Husband nothing.  
 Mrs. H. L. Stratton. Episcopalian. Husband nothing.  
 Mrs. M. A. Johnson, "  
 Mrs. Alexander, husband raised Presbyterian.  
 Mrs. Haller, O. S. Pres. now M. E. also raised.  
 Mrs. Case " " " Husband raised O. S. Pres.

Those who might become members

Miss Harris, M. E., tired of it.  
 Mrs. Tracy, Episcopalian.  
 Mrs. Hoppin, "  
 Mrs. Cook, formerly New School Pres. only here for 3 months.  
 Dr. Purcell and sister, Mrs. Burrows, were raised  
 Cumberland Presbyterians.

There are several valuable Congregationalists.

Mr. Stoddard and family and Mr. Sears and family are ex-  
 pected this week or shortly. They are O. S. Pres.

There is an O. S. Pres. family - Martinsens, Mailla.  
 I hear Mrs. Ewing and family are Presbyterians, of which  
 I am not sure.

Tuesday, July 6, 1869.

Rode 32 miles from Red Oak Junction to Silverwood county seat  
 Hills county. Addressed White Cloud school, and one near Silver  
 Creek. Dr. Samuel Brothers and family live at White Cloud,  
 though likely soon to move to the Rail Road town. He and  
 wife are Old School Presbyterians.

Mr. Woods and family and I believe one Jones, Sr. are O. S. Pres.  
 on Silver Creek.

White Cloud, or the new town, and Silver Creek are good O. S.  
 Pres. preaching points if they were occupied. Deer Creek nei-  
 borhood is mostly Campbellites, I am informed. Took dinner at  
 Brothers' stayed all night at Elder Dr. Eakin's.

Wednesday, July 7, 1869.

Rested, read, called on four different Sunday School Super-  
 intendents. made arrangements for 3 services on Sabbath at the  
 Court House. Attended Congregational prayer meeting. They  
 spoiled the good effect of a fine prayer meeting by words of  
 evil speaking afterward. Sent letter to Judge Sears and Rev.  
 Mr. Cleland.

Thursday, July 8, 1869.

Visited the elder Mrs. Solomon and Mrs. Daniel Solomon.  
 The latter refused me admittance to her house. Her husband  
 a most depraved and contemptible character and compels her to  
 seclude herself from all outside not introduced to her.  
 In company with Elder Dr. Eakin I called on Mrs. Solomon and

Ms. Tocksy, also on Soldiers Orphans Home. Had pleasant entertainment in viewing the comfortable premises and good childhood. Their singing was delightful. Prayed 4 times - attended N. E. prayer meeting.

Friday, July 9, 1869.

Rode 14 miles. Visiting our country members etc., called on Mrs. Choate-McBride and on Mrs. Flood and congregationalists. On Mrs. Lawson, now Congregationalist formerly Old School Pres. On Mr. Slaughter who was absent. I learned that Mr. & Mrs. Coles near neighbors of Lawson, now M. M. were O. S. Presbyterians. Mr. Howell, Mr. Lawson's cousin adhere strongly to our church: he and a family of parrothers who are O. S. Pres. in preference, live in Ingham Township. Dr. McCluskey, and F. Starbuck, lawyer, adherents. Called on Mrs. Raft's family, Andrews and Miss Prior.

Saturday, July 10, 1869.

Revisited the citizens members. After supper rode 5 miles to find Mrs. Tipton, O. S. Pres. Met Mr. Wood, O.S.P. who lives on Silver Creek.

Sabbath, July 11, 1869.

Held my usual three services in the Court House with audiences of 25, 300 and 75. Met Mr. Slaughter.

Monday, July 12, 1869.

Rode twelve miles to Tabor--Spoke to one of the divisions of the school. Revived old memories.

Tuesday, July 13, 1869.

Rode 25 miles home. Made arrangements with Elder Judge Sears for services at Sidney July 25. Am at home after two months work.

The result of the 4 counties in Presbyterians so far as I have determined is, Fremont County 65; Page county 150; Montgomery county 30; Mills county 15; in all 260 Old School Presbyterians in nuclei and churches in the following places: In Fremont county Sidney, with preaching stations at Fremont City and Duncard Schoolhouse; Hamburg and Marti, two members or families on Mill Creek.

In Page County: Clarinda and Page City, preaching station. Amity, Pleasant Ridge, Hawleyville, with 1 Old School Pres. at Millers.

Montgomery County: Red Oak Junction, 1 family - Marti, at Sciola; 1 on East Tarkis.

Mills County: Glenwood and on Silver Creek and at White Cloud, Milton, a new Railroad station will take place of White Cloud. Glenwood is in close spiritual condition from previous mismanagement and neglect. Only two male members and the rest women unequally yoked to ungodly husbands. They are the most un hospitable Presbyterians among whom I stayed. Besides Eakin, the only invitations came from a Campbellite acquaintance and an unconverted man!

I went home and stayed nine days to rest, but preached twice for Brother Elliott in his absence in Ohio, which spoiled the rest. I officiated at the funeral of Henry Clay--youngest

son of Hon. Wm. M.

Thursday, July 22, 1869.

Rode 15 miles to Sidney. Got wet with water on the Bottom, stopping and having dinner at Copeland's and calling on Chapmans. Stopped at Sear's. Had a chill and neuralgia. Met Rev. Mr. Wilson who is to supply Sidney for one year at \$800. He was there unexpectedly. Sent list of members to Rev. Mr. Hughes at Hamburg.

Friday, July 23, 1869.

Riding all day. Read and lounged. Attended Presbyterian Mite Society. Pleasant Saturday - July 24, 1869.  
Better - Read, &c.

Sabbath, July 25, 1869.

Held two services morning and night. Addressed the Sabbath School. We meet in the M. E. Church and the Sunday School is Methodist Episcopal, with Old School Presbyterian mostly. Audiences of 100 or more.

Monday, July 26, 1869.

Took dinner with Jud Day and supper with Miss

Tuesday, July 27, 1869.

Rode 15 miles, to Hamburg. Took dinner at Bain's. Had family worship? He gave me \$2.00. Sidney church gave me nothing. Mr. Bain is not in condition because of expected removal to Miss McDaway County.

In Hamburg I found that Mr. Beach and family did not stay - that Mr. Ferguson had left. He has returned. That Miss Rider is an Old School Presbyterian, and Dr. J. A. Raylor as a New School Presbyterian, would make a pretty good Elder. I preached twice on Sabbath and held a service in the Empire Billiard Hall, on Saturday night. They are making efforts to raise enough to give each preacher visiting them and holding service twice on Sabbath, \$10.

I went to Phelps on my way to Brownville. No. O. S. Pres. there. A Rev. Mr. Sherwood, N. S. P. preaches there occasionally. Rode 20 miles.

I then on the following day went to Salem. Put up with Rev. Mr. Sillie, formerly for 20 years missionary among the Seminoles. He preaches occasionally at Salem and at Cornell's from 5 to 7 miles distant N. W. Rode 27 or 30 miles. Next day visited Salem; 7 Old School Presbyterians at most. Town much divided - 9 sects in 400 people. No church edifice; they made an attempt to get a foundation and quit. This was by the M. E. and O. S. P. Now Freewill Baptists and M. E. talk of it. They have a Hall. Our church once had an Elder land an organization - death it and took the Elder - McCullough to Pittsburgh. Rode 3 1/2 miles.

A Congregational organization has arisen from the ruins of a Presbyterian membership North of the "Muddy".

At Falls City we have about nine of a membership and an organization. Hopes of about 8 coming in. J. C. Coolley is our Elder. Address him or S. A. Fulton, an enterprising and Christian Lawyer. They expect a Colony of Scotch from Canada

in Cornell's neighborhood this fall or next spring. Both of the Cornells are O. S. Pres. These Scotch are likely to yield many. Rode 3 1/2 and 8 or 10 miles. Preached once in afternoon of Sabbath, August 8, in Fall City in W. F. church, which is only church edifice. Episcopalians have part of first story of church and school finished. Falls City is county seat, 400 people, 4 miles from Kansas line.

Mr. Fulton tells you of the members in Richardson. They number at present about 17, including elder and 1 superannuated preacher. Rode home over 50 miles. Brother Perry had visited this field twice before I had and preached with acceptance. We need a preacher there very much, with headquarters at County seat; this would place him 7 miles from Salem, 12 or 14 from Cornell, 11 from Rulo, 3 from Nemaha Falls.

Rulo, Yago, St. Stephens, St. are largely ruled by liquor, whiskey, lager beer Germans and Papists.

After the visit I returned home to restore my health which had suffered from neglect of bilious state of body and to sell my "outfit" of P. W. saddle, - &c. and thus realize my salary. Tonight, August 17th, after more than two weeks you can address me 1060 North Halstead Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Alex. M. Darley.

Rode 675 miles - preached 38 times - addressing in all over 7000 people.

Helena, Montana Territory, August 1, 1869.  
We the undersigned hereby express our desire to be received as Members of the Presbyterian Church of Helena, Montana, and promise to the same our hearty cooperation and support.

Names.

J. E. Witherapoo.  
Mrs. James L. Fisk  
Mrs. Woolfalk  
Mrs. Lucy Watson  
Mrs. Annie Cutbert

Names.

Mrs. Mary A. Williams  
Mrs. J. H. Reinschmidt  
Mrs. John Deel  
Mrs. O. Howell.

Blair, Iowa, September 1, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Cedar Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Sir & Brother:

I should have written you sooner but that I was waiting to see those of our number who are out in the country, but as yet they have not been in. I saw Mrs. Perry and she told me that she has been Congregational the last 14 years - and thinks that if they organize she would prefer to remain with them. Mr. & Mrs. Noyes are waiting but I hope and have reason

to think that they will come with us.

As soon as I can see those in the country will sign the petition and forward to you. The Catholics have raised about \$1000 for a church. I hope to hear from you soon.

Your Brother in Christ,  
M. C. Huyett.

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Woodstown, Salem Co., New Jersey,  
September 1, 1869.

Mr. Jackson:

Dear Brother:

Yours of the 18th is at hand. I desire to go west as I told you last winter at Princeton. I have been talking with Brother Burt about Decatur County, Iowa, a portion of his old field and I should like to visit it very much. I had almost made up my mind to go out for the New School Board because they guarantee a support for their men and also bear their expenses to the field. I had rather go out for our branch of the church but have not the means to take me there, and besides there are a few things of which I stand in need before I leave home. What I wish to ask you is, will our church or Board render me any assistance in this respect? If not I see no other alternative than to put myself under the other Board. I wish to go in about a month from now and hope arrangements can be made soon.

Yours in Christian love,  
S. S. Waller,  
Woodstown, Salem Co.

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Des Moines, Iowa, September 3, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a letter to the Friends of the Owsago Church in which we accept your kind offer of assistance.

We are very grateful for the thoughtful interest you have manifested in our family, and trust that your kindness will be eventually rewarded.

Please read the letter and make any additions or alterations as you may judge best.

With kind regards to Mrs. Jackson, I am

Yours very respectfully,  
Emily W. Edwards.

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1008 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.,  
September 3, 1869.

Rev. S. Jackson,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

My dear Sir & Brother:

I am now prepared to act, and, on certain conditions, to accept the invitation to Cheyenne.

Supposing that these conditions are essentially fulfilled, or in equivalents, you may consider this as my acceptance, unless a telegram to the contrary should reach you before you read these lines. The conditions are:-

1. That at least \$1000 be guaranteed me by the Board.
2. That I be furnished \$100 with which to pay my traveling expenses, and that of my family, and the expense of moving, to Cheyenne.
3. That I be advanced \$1000 on my salary, on or before reaching Cheyenne.
4. That I have leave (if I see fit to use it) to beg money to build a parsonage.

If I am tolerably sure of a salary of \$2000, or nearly that, I should say nothing of a parsonage.

If the \$100 were loaned to me for 100 days, it would answer instead of an advance on salary.

If my board bills can remain unpaid for that length of time -- although I do not like that way of doing business, but prefer paying as I go, \$30 will be a sufficient cash advance.

If I had been in the field, and knew just what my expenses would be; or if I were not under obligation to be just to my creditors, I should make no condition, or a less condition of the guarantee by the Board. As it is, duty to others compels the condition, and almost seems to compel more. I feel rather afraid of \$1500 only as a salary, and it may compel separation from my family for six months, or even longer.

Finally, if the Board will not guarantee the \$1000, and the deposit shall be guaranteed, by responsible parties outside of Cheyenne and Larame, to be paid promptly in not fewer than quarterly instalments, it will answer. I regret the necessity of imposing even these conditions, but I believe they can be met, and I believe they are the least that I ought to impose.

If there is no other way, I will endeavor to raise the \$100 for traveling expenses myself. But if you will write to Dr. Patterson, and Revs. Blackburn and Marquis (or others) you will get more than I, and it would be with a better grace.

Rev. Dr. Patterson is at 71 N. Curtis St.,

Rev. W. M. Blackburn, 1060 N. Halstead,

Rev. D. C. Marquis, 234 Ontario,

I have already written, declining the call to Wyoming, on the simple ground that Cheyenne is a broader and more needy field. I shall, probably, preach my last sermon here on the first Sabbath of October. The Sabbath following I expect to spend with my father or in St. Louis. The third Sabbath, I can be in Cheyenne. Probably I shall leave my family at my father's, till I go to Cheyenne and make arrangements for them. As I said, poor salary

leave  
 and would like to them there all winter. But, if possible, in  
 from 4 to 6 weeks, I shall come East after them, and to arrange  
 the furniture and other items of church and private busi-  
 ness. I shall probably ask the pastor to give me to a Pres-  
 bytery to be located on the line of the N. P. Railroad. Please  
 write me on the 14th inst.

Mr. Paris joins me in a message of Christian love,  
 I write + you (to-day) to Mr. Spence, announcing the  
 probability of my change to Cheyenne.

Your brother in the Gospel,  
 W. W. Paris.

Cheyenne, Wyoming, September 3, 1869.

Brother Jackson:

I have waited with some impatience and anxiety a letter  
 from you--sent to care of Holmes, #507 -- Have you received  
 it? If not look after it. What arrangements for church  
 building made?

I would like to meet Presbytery next week but will re-  
 main another sabbath I think perhaps I will come to Council Bluffs  
 week after next -- that is after the 2nd Sabbath  
 in September. I do not feel like returning here after Synod  
 at all. How about Veris? Had a letter from Lyon and Wilson.  
 J. D. Mason is appointed District Missionary for Minnesota and  
 Iowa. He on the ground direct to Lincoln for advice. The  
 brethren will resent the appointment. We will have a gay  
 time at Synod. I am glad you are not a member of that Synod.  
 William is to be installed the Wednesday before Synod -- one  
 day before. I feel interested to know what are your prospects  
 for a settlement and where? Have you done anything about  
 Flatmouth? I think Black Hawk, Colorado, would suit. Sal-  
 ary \$2000 from the church and a house good element -- sadly suf-  
 fering for a minister--one very good Elder,--a Mr. Henderson  
 I think.

I have been sick for a few days. I have directed some let-  
 ters sent to your care. Tell the postmaster not to forward  
 without covers. Letters are so shaping here I don't know what  
 day I will leave for Synod.

Dr. Spear spent Sabbath with me -- gave me some interesting  
 news about the Board and Minnesota. Wilson, Ovatemala -- is pre-  
 pared for a long fight! Mrs. Smalley is here.

John T. Gage.

Waverley, Iowa, September 4, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Your letter of 31st ultimo is received. I am sorry to  
 trouble you again, but will you please tell me for what amount  
 application has been made to the Board of Domestic Missions.



I have received a letter from Red Oak Junction dated 29th ultimo, stating that they think they can raise \$500 there and that if I feel confident the Board will give \$400 to come as soon as possible.

I do not know what amount has been applied for nor do I have such confidence in the Board's giving that amount as to risk going on before I hear definitely.

Another question: To whom will the report of the Board's action be sent? to me or Waverley direct or to you?

A third question: Should the Board decline giving so much is there any point which it will be practicable to concert with Red Oak Junction by which the salary could be secured?

Mrs. Shuley unites in sending kind wishes.

Fraternally,

V. G. Shuley.

St. Louis, Missouri, September 8, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear brother:

Yours of the 4th just received. I write to say that our Presbytery will meet at Washington, 48 miles west of this on the Pacific Railroad, on Tuesday the day you propose to be here. I leave home on Saturday for Union and expect to be at Presbytery on Tuesday. I doubt whether it will be practicable to have a meeting of our Board next week. Suppose you meet with our Presbytery on Tuesday at Washington; five or six members of the Board will be there. I expect to start for Iowa and Nebraska the last of this month and meet the Synod at Kansas on my return. I have assigned to me the Synods of Kansas--Sarasusky, Pittsburg and New York, which will occupy most of the month of October. If you do not come to Washington let me hear from you again.

Yours fraternally,  
H. R. Wilson.

Treasure City, Nevada, September 9, 1869.

Rev. and dear Brother:

Yours with map came duly -- Glad to have them. Six places are marked on the map where men are needed yet at none of them now-Treasure City is any one laboring. I could mark six more places in Nevada where missionaries could hopefully go to work. There is no Presbyterian Minister to-day laboring in Nevada but myself. Our organization in Virginia City is vacant -- in Austin -- vacant; in Carson supplied by a Congregational brother -- but have organized at Treasure City since my coming -- 23 members. I leave for California in two weeks. Have no one for this place yet hope one soon. This is the most important point now in Nevada.

I am a member of the present General Assembly and may be in Pittsburgh - If so will likely see you and have the privilege of a face to face talk. My address hereafter will be San Francisco, California. Be glad to hear from you when aught of interest to the Master's Kingdom be to write.

In Jesus,

A. M. Stewart.

71 N. Curtis Street, Chicago, Sept. 9, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Rev. & Dear Sir:

The agitation has produced some effect. M. M. Steele, Springfield, Ohio, has been trying to send you \$100 - but letter was returned from St. Louis. I sent him your address to-day. Write him a good letter.

Yours in Christ,

Robert Patterson.

Mayer Coons of Calvary Church, San Francisco, was here two weeks ago.

Denver, Colorado, September 11, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours of 6th is at hand. Fearing that it might be some time before there would be united action on the part of Presbyterians of this vicinity towards forming a Presbytery our church made application and has been received within the bounds of the Presbytery of Chicago.

The Presbyterians are far behind the Methodist and Episcopalians in this Territory.

Your offer as to a box is kind. We have thus far, perhaps foolishly, run an independent line. As soon as I can get a little margin I intend to order a black suit of Messrs. Brown & Mathews (Tailors), No. 23 Wabash Avenue, Chicago, who have my measure.

We need a bell for our church more than anything else except a blessing from heaven.

Yours,

E. P. Wells.

Philadelphia, Pa., September 11, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I have just returned to this city after an absence of several weeks, and find yours of August 19th upon my desk. I am sorry it has remained so long unanswered. I have to-day forwarded

to your address a pretty large package containing 80 or 90 copies of Psalms and Hymns. They are cheaply bound, and are of an old edition, slightly different from that in use, but I think it will answer the purpose of your new churches very well. I also send 50 copies of our Social Psalmist, containing a selection of the same hymns as the above. These two books can be used together without difficulty. I also send 100 copies of Children's Praise, a lot of Shorter Catechisms, Child's Catechisms, &c. In a separate bundle, I send you 500 copies of our Sabbath School Visitor for distribution among the children in your travels. Will you not use your influence for us to introduce into your new Sabbath Schools, wherever it is practicable, our Visitor, Children's Praise, and Sabbath School Library books?

Besides the books for Brother Hughes at Corinne, we have sent large packages to several missionaries in the vast regions beyond us, and are willing to send many more whenever the spots where they are most needed are pointed out to us, and whenever there are persons at those places in whose good judgment and fidelity we can confide to make a wise and economical distribution. Should any of the newly organized churches on the line of the Pacific Road have young Sabbath Schools needing S. S. Library books, Catechisms, &c., we will very gladly assist in furnishing them. Indeed, I desire you to feel, my dear brother, that we are earnestly desirous in every judicious way and according to the limited amount placed at our command, for such uses, to distribute printed religious truth over the vast region where you at present range. May God abundantly bless all your endeavours, the notices of which, in the Presbyterian and elsewhere, I read with lively interest.

Mrs. Schenck is at present out of the city, were she here, I know that she would warmly join with me in sending affectionate salutations.

Fraternally yours,  
W. E. Schenck.

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Central City, Colorado Territory,  
September 13, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Brother:

I received your note with the Overture to General Assembly, and having signed the Overture return it to you as you requested.

There is a movement, however, for the organization of a Presbytery among the ministers here, with a view to having the organization effected before the meeting of the Assembly at Pittsburg, a previous Assembly having authorized such organization. I do not know however that we shall be able to complete the organization so soon. I have not my own letter, and do not know that I can get it in time, though I have written for it.

Shall be glad to see you in Colorado when you come this way,

and enjoy a personal acquaintance.

Yours fraternally,  
Lewis Hamilton.

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Mission House, 907 Arch Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa. September 14, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Brother:

Your quarterly report is at hand and as you desire it I have requested the Treasurer to remit you a quarter's salary which will be due on the first proximo. You will please find a check for the amount enclosed.

We are obliged to you for the information furnished in your report. Of course we cannot act upon your suggestions until we receive the usual Presbyterian applications. If the missionaries in the places named by you require such large salaries from the Board, it will certainly not be practicable, with our present limited means, to make many such appointments. You should therefore recommend the occupation only of a few of the most important points.

I do not know what amount the New School Committee have in hand, but I doubt whether they would be able to appoint many additional missionaries at the rate of (1000), one thousand dollars each. You may be assured that we will do the best we can, but neither of us can do what is impracticable.

If you can furnish Mr. George Nixon, whose letter you enclosed, with the name of some missionary who would be willing to write "a monthly letter" to the Sabbath School referred to, we would be obliged to you. The school can then remit their collections to the Treasurer of the Board and have them acknowledge as usual.

I hope you are well and doing well.

With kind regards,  
Fraternally yours,  
G. W. Musgrave.

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Marengo, Illinois, September 14, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Your letter is received. In reply I would say that I expect to leave here the 28th of the present month and shall probably reach Council Bluffs Wednesday the 29th.

As I am and have been very busy I should prefer to rest among my friends, the 1st Sabbath of October, and if you choose you may appoint the second Sabbath of next month for my visit at Cheyenne. A classmate of mine at Princeton College, who spent two years at Allegheny and graduated at Chicago, wishes me to recommend him to you for Cheyenne. His name is Rev. John Giffen,

supplying at present our church at Altona, Knox County, Illinois. He is acquainted with your father and I think a very pious and faithful man. He is 34 years of age and married - no children. He preached for me Sabbath. His time expires at Altona November 1st. I think if his travelling expenses were paid he would visit Cheyenne and very probably locate there. I "missionated" with him.

Yours in the work,  
H. P. Peck.

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Marengo, Illinois,

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

On my return from Nebraska I called on Brother Cleland, but did not find him at home. Not knowing where to find you and anxious to get home, as I had been quite ill for nearly a week, I take this opportunity to report by letter. I was well pleased with Lincoln, and I think Mr. Kennedy and others were pleased with me. I preached in the M. E. Church once, and by the advice of those on the ground did not remain until the Wednesday following. I then went to Nebraska City, preached for Brother Elliott the next Sabbath, met many persons interested in Lincoln and some who were about to remove there. My last Sabbath I preached at Florence. My wife expressed herself willing to make the removal. Should the church at Lincoln see fit to make me a formal call, stating the amount of salary, &c., not less than \$1200 per annum, I would accept, and should it be their wish, I would consent to be installed. The sooner I hear from them the sooner I can be on the ground - perhaps as early as September 1st.

Yours truly in Christ,  
H. P. Peck.

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Dover,

September 15,  
1869.

Rev. and Dear Brother:

I have written to you for the purpose of obtaining information.

A number of families from six to twelve mainly Presbyterians wish to form a colony in a new country. Individually the members are worth from twenty-five hundred to six thousand dollars. We think with our number and means we can build a church, command a missionary and a school, all under Presbyterian control. We wish to settle in a warmer country than this. We wish to settle in a healthy, fertile country with timber, coal, with market variety. With these advantages on or most of them I can, with some effort I think bring perhaps twenty families together. I propose to lay out a village as a centre to the settlement.





You may know of a locality in Southern Nebraska where all of these advantages may be had, or if the means of information is wanting to you, or the time to answer this is wanting some brother missionary may be able to do so;

We have read with much interest your letters, from the Pacific Rail Road.

Yours &c.,  
John Fraser.

St. Charles P. O.

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Adel, Iowa, September 16, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours of 6th I found here on my return from Synod. Also the Map which I will mark and return in a day or two -- soon as I get out of the pressure of correspondence a little.

In regard to Brother Little I do most sincerely wish he would go to Atlantic.

East Des Moines is in statu quo. Brother Kellogg has the matter still in hand and this week will gather up the names for organization. He expects to keep the thing along for the present and I believe it would be best for him to do so, and in spring get a No. 1 youngerly man there and it would go along continuously.

As Brother Kellogg has given up Atlantic and turned it over to Brother Cleland, you can't do better than urge Brother Little to go there. And if you think best that it be renewed on the part of our Committee I can pledge Brother Little \$1000 salary. If you can do as much for him perhaps he would just as soon go in under the Old School Board. Still whoever goes to Atlantic should have \$1000 salary to begin on. Please see Little and urge him to take hold of the work at Atlantic provided he will move there to live.

I will write him to the same effect.

We had a good meeting of Synod in spite of the Monell case which kept us a long time.

Very truly yours in Christ,  
Wm. Campbell.

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1300 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.  
September 15, 1869.

Rev. S. Jackson,

My dear Christian Friend:

I have for a long time desired to write to you to express the pleasure I feel at the progress you are making in the work of evangelizing the west -- as your communication in the Presbyterian make known to us.

I want to aid you if I can by supplies of clothing to those missionaries who need them, as well as sending out libraries to



you. Our friend Dr. Musgrave has a Caution in his annual report informing the churches that "they should not allow themselves to be unduly influenced in the selection and supply of their Beneficiaries by any self appointed corresponding solicitor." Many he says have received two boxes; as far as I am concerned, I have arranged with weak churches to take the missionary, and we would take the family, or select two members of the family -- girls or boys and we would supplement them by supplying the rest; in this way work has been done which would in all probability remain undone had no such arrangement ever been made. The clothing was sent by each church in separate boxes. I was informed by Mrs. Lyon a few days ago in a letter I received from her, that the Rev. Mr. Mason was there to take her husband's place -- Having made himself so objectionable to many by his impolitic article against your report of the destitution of religious privileges in Iowa and followed as it was by an approval of the Synod. I am a little surprised Dr. Musgrave would venture his popularity at this time on such an appointment.

He gives as a reason for not continuing Mr. Lyon in office is, that he selects places and sends missionaries where there are no people to preach to. On hearing it my son and I each sent him 50 dollars for fear it would cut off his salary.

In October I can send you a check for the same amount to use as you think best for yourself or otherwise.

Please give much love to Mrs. Jackson and give dear little Daisy and Bessie for their Grandma Newkirk.

Truly your friend,  
A. M. Newkirk.

1300 Arch St.

1008 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

September 16, 1868.

Dear Brother Jackson,

I now accept Cheyenne definitely and finally. Do the best you can for me in the matter I have presented, and I have no further requests to make.

The 28th Street and South churches are consolidated. I feared the effort would fail, and then would have come a conflict between (seeming) rival duties. But now my work here is done.

We leave for Anna, Illinois, September 30. I shall reach Cheyenne October 16, or sooner. Shall write hereafter what day I pass through Omaha. Want to stop there 24 hours.

All well.

Yours truly,  
W. W. Harris.

Helena, Montana Territory, sept. 17, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

My Dear Sir:

Yours of the 3d instant is at hand, and I hasten to inform you of the unpropitious circumstances attending the Church matter. By reason of accepting the Office of Territorial Auditor under appointment of Governor Ashley, and the Capitol still remaining at Virginia City, I shall be obliged to come there with my family to remain, while Mr. Clarke, in consultation with him to-day, joined me in the opinion that, in view of our going away, and the fact that times with us here are getting so dull--and likely to be almost oppressive during the whole fall and winter. it would be more advisable to wait until next spring before sending us out a Minister to build up the new church organization. I deem it my duty to make this suggestion, feeling that there are so few men folks here, at least in these dull and pinching times that would or could do anything for the cause pecuniarily, the burden would fall more heavily upon those few than they could bear, in all probability. At any rate, should you still deem it best to send the Minister, the home church should, to protect him against embarrassments in the beginning here provide the means necessary to maintain him--say for the first six months.

In these views and conclusions, brother Clarke agrees with me fully, and yet there are probably no two persons here who would take or who feel, at present, any deeper interest than we do in the early establishment of the church in our midst.

In haste, with the regards of Mrs. Fisk and other friends,

I am Yours very Respectfully,

Jas. L. Fisk.

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St. Louis, Missouri, September 18, 1869.

My dear brother Jackson:

Yours of the 15th has been received. Sorry you were not able to meet with our Presbytery. Had a meeting of the Board of Church Extension on Thursday. Had your letter been in time, I would have laid your applications before the Board. Doubtful whether we can have another meeting before I leave. I can not yet say at what time I may be at Council Bluffs. I fear the state of our Treasury will not admit of the heavy drafts your Presbytery has made. We can only give out what we receive and we have a very wide field before us. The applications now on file call for \$60,000 more than we have in our Treasury. I will however send the usual papers to the church named and when they are returned, the Board will act, according to their judgment and means. You do not seem to think we are limited as to the latter -- perhaps both.

I am just starting to the country to conduct a Communion Service of two days and can only write this hasty note.

With fraternal regards, Your Brother, H. R. Wilson.

Shreve, Ohio, September 19, 1869.

Brother Jackson,

I have closed my labors and will send you a letter rather than a report similar to the one I sent the Board since I can embrace it and say something beside. I have not found anything in Seward Church and County material different from what I wrote. I find the people did not weary in their kindness and hospitality to me, and taking evrything into consideration I enjoyed my work and fellowship with them in a happy degree. While many of the people are careless in regard to religion and attendance on the means of grace yet they treat the minister courteously and respectfully. A great barrier to good attendance was attributed to small and unfut houses but another year there will be improvement in this respect -- a commodious schoolhouse is being built in Seward and a baptist Church about to be built. Additions to the churches of all denominations have not been encouraging during the summer -- some of our brethren held a series of rather exciting meetings. Rev. H. F. Peck of Lincoln, held Communion at Seward in August two united by letter and one by profession of faith. The membership is now 12. A fine family has very lately come into Camden. He and his wife are Presbyterians, and are people of influence financially. Another family from near Lincoln are expecting to locate near Milford; the husband prior to living in Nebraska was an Elder in the church. I had many warm friends outside of our church and became attached very much to some. The people of our church have vitality, yet they do not have much of that necessary thing we call "get up"; they will follow but cannot very well go before.

I hope to hear from them very soon and receive information of a definite step being taken towards building next spring as soon as they do what they can willwork for them in the East.

They are anxious to build and are liberal but have not much to give. The people are anxious to have me return in the spring, but I am undecided yet I am deeply interested in them. In regard to Ashland I have not much to say. I like the place and the people in general but do not think that some of the Presbyterian people are hungering and thirsting for the truth some never came out while I was there. There are many of the people anxious that we should build but the Elder and our country people have not been especially moved in that direction. There is need of a house there and of a permanent pastor too. The Methodists are embarrassed on account of their house; it is now in court and their forcible measures for its occupation will prove very unfavorable to them.

The Presbyterian membership is 14, the same as when you were there with one exception, -- Mrs. Glenn was received on examination. Presbytery have an eye on the field and regard it as specially important and have appointed Brothers Cameron and Peck to supply some. I am writing a letter for the "Banner" concerning my work --- if you are not receiving it I will send it. I expect to visit Pittsburg on Thursday the 22d

Your brother, G. B. Smith.

New York, N. Y. September 21, 1869.

Dear Brother:

I want to call your attention to Truckee on the Central Pacific Railroad.

It is at the foot of the Sierras and must furnish lumber for the whole country for 1000 miles eastward. It is finely situated on the Truckee River which drains Lake Tahoe and Donner, and its supplies of lumber seem inexhaustible.

The lumber business has been overdone, there being 40 saw-mills there and a little below -- No young place could sustain so many -- But when the temporary reaction is over there will be a vigorous permanent business there and the place must be of considerable importance.

It is better built than either Laramie or Cheyenne and I regard it as the best place on the whole line. No church yet but Methodist and Catholic. Our District Secre'y at White Pine is so influenced by the jealousy of White Pine (opposite Elko) that he sees no importance in Truckee which by a Railroad soon to be built will be the stopping place for the rival mines of Virginia City.

I write to express the hope that you will send a plucky man there to occupy Truckee at once. We sent a man there but he staid a day and a half and then acted on District secretary's fears and left.

If neither Branch of the Presbyterian Church takes hold of it the Congregationalists will within a very few months. Can't you send a man or have Frazer do it?

Your friend and brother,  
F. F. Fillinwood.

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Rochester, N. Y., September 21, 1869.

Rev. D. L. Hughes,  
Dear Sir:

Your favor of 15th instant is received. In regard to the erection of a Presbyterian church at Atlantic, just at present I must confess that I have not been quite favorable to it. Having been brought up to regard Congregational and Presbyterian churches as almost identical, and having always attended either one or the other, which ever was the most convenient, and without regard to sectarian differences I have come to think that a church of either one of those denominations will accommodate the wants and needs of Atlantic for the present at least, and as there is already a Congregational Church there, I seem to think that it is not hardly worth while to press the matter of the erection of a building for a Presbyterian Society until the town has attained a little larger growth.

It is only since this matter of the two denominations at Atlantic has arisen that I commenced to think which I was attending here, and on inquiry I find that it is Presbyterian; while I know that my wife's last letters came from a Congregational

Church. If I judge right that is the general state of feeling east and west; and if so, certainly the few Presbyterians now at Atlantic can for a time at least affiliate with the Congregationalist society already organized there. These being my views, with all due deference to yours, you will excuse me from the proposed subscription and believe me,

Very truly yours,  
C. C. Merriman.

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Marengo, Illinois, September 21, 1869.

Dear brother Jackson:

Your very rich and agreeable letter was received this A.M. Enclosed find Receipt for \$475. I am sorry to inform you that my wife will not be able to make the trip this fall,--her health is quite poor. She will remain at home until spring, and go to Helena with Mr. & Mrs. Vawter and several others -- quite a large company. Under these circumstances if you wish, I will refund a portion of the funds you have so generously and I fear with much labor, provided for my transit,---when I meet you. I think now that I shall start the 28th as already intimated, and rest a week or so at my uncle's and among friends, at Florence. I am indeed sorry to be separated from my wife, but since you were here a profuse "flowing" and great general debility, seem to make our separation for the present imperative. I will counsel further with you when we meet. I will go directly through to Florence and remain over Sabbath, the 3d of Oct. and visit you at the Bluffs the 6th or 7th. Perhaps you better drop me a line at Florence on your arrival from Minnesota. I shall probably reach Florence the 29th or 30th instant.

Yours in Gospel Labor,  
H. P. Peck.

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Chicago, Ill., September 23, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Supt. Presbyterian Missions,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

I can furnish you the church for Cheyenne according to the plans you furnished me 32 x 50 including Paints mixed and Carpenter Work at Cheyenne, you paying for Chimneys and for Transportation for Men and Material for Four Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty Six (\$4336). Or will furnish Materials for Carpenter Work including paints mixed on board Cars at Chicago for Three Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty One (\$3261).

Should be pleased to hear from you with order as soon as possible. Sash is glazed.

Very respectfully, Your obt. Servt.,  
Lyman Bridges

Valmont, Colorado Territory,  
September 23, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

My Dear Brother:

Yours of the 6th instant is received. Thanks!

1. Believing that a 'Presbyter' would be useful here, I enclose you the 'overture'.

2. "The religious wants of the Territory" are:

Bibles - Preachers like Paul and Apollon - P.S.P.

Books - Church buildings, and 1000 Uncle John-Vassars.

There is a certain whole-souledness in this country that is pleasant to behold at times; but many are whole-souled for evil. One want, the supplying of which will make known the others, is your presence here.

Please come as soon as you can and thus you will learn more in a short time than I could write you in a long letter. After you arrive, your traveling expenses in our Territory shall be small.

Rev. A. S. Day, one of the best ministers in this Territory, preaches here and at Boulder City and is to organize a church next Sabbath at St. Vrain.

I preach in Denver, to very small congregations, and at Clear Creek - four miles north of Denver.

Rev. George L. Spinning of Hebron, Illinois (or Harvard, Ill.) has written me asking questions about the prospects here for a minister and I believe he would come if a support were promised him. I will send him your address and ask him to correspond with you. He spoke of going to the Assembly "as a lobbyist," and possibly you may see him there. We need good ministers. There are Presbyterians in this country who love the gospel and thousands of sinners who need it. Please come and see us. The Denver Church needs a man to read John's Epistles for them and the whole city needs a stirring up.

Red sat. scrib. Come and see.

Thanking you for your kind letters and praying with you for the success of the Work I remain,

Your

Chas. M. Campbell.

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827 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.  
September 25, 1869.

Rev. S. Jackson,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

My Dear Sir:

I send you a second parcel of books and tracts, in the main selected by your memorandum received through Doctor Waters. I also enclose you a further memorandum of the cost of the two parcels amounting to somewhat over \$400 (\$415.48). We have, as you will perceive, strained a point to give you a large supply,

and shall be glad if you are able to sell any portion--to be returned. Doctor Waters suggests that you have a Colporteur commissioned, but I do not see that this can be of much use to you; you will oblige us by giving us at convenient times, before March next, any statistics that may help our annual report.

You had better communicate directly here rather than through Sector Waters.

Very truly yours,  
W. Sargent,  
Supt. Colp.

Chicago, Illinois, September 24, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I was sorry that I could not see you when at Council Bluffs. I would have waited but had already lost so much time that I was unwilling to lose any more.

My trip to Lincoln was a failure. The brethren there do not want a minister till they have a church. I was sorry to have to give it up but had to do so.

I have no place in view now whatever. I am waiting to go wherever Providence may send me. Any assistance you may be able to give me will be most thankfully received.

Very thankful for past favors I am,

Yours fraternally,  
M. Hughes.

Portland, Oregon, September 25, 1869.

To the Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Brother:

Your letter of August 31st reached me while I was absent.

I have revisited Puget Sound. We want two men without delay: one for Port Townsend, and adjacent posts; the other for Olympia.

The former is purely missionary, but very promising to a man of ability and piety.

Our Olympia Church presents an attractive field. If I were setting out as a beginner, I should like nothing better.

At Port Townsend, Fort Discovery, Port Ludlow, and Tokalet (formerly Port Gamble) there is no regular preaching. Yet from 1000 to 2000 men are employed in these places.

I must add, that a man of ability will prosper, with patient faith and prayer, and no other will be tolerated.

Do you know Rev. J. C. Elliott, Nebraska City? He has written to me expressing a desire to come to this coast. Being a perfect stranger, I could not advise him.

A few able earnest workers will give a vast energy to the work of Christ on this coast.

We need most of all an out-pouring of God's Spirit. There are 11 churches in Oregon and Washington, seven have houses of worship.

I am going next week to the Synod at San Francisco.  
With many prayers for your success,  
Your fellow-laborer,  
A. L. Lindsley.

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Brooklyn, New York, September 27, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

We read a day or two since in the New York Observer, some notices of the work in which you are at present engaged, of planting churches in the places that have sprung up along the line of the Pacific Railroad, and also that funds were much needed for the prosecution of this work. My sister and I would like to contribute something to this cause in which we feel much interest, and I write now to ask you in what form we shall send our donation. We have usually found a certified check to be the safest and most convenient mode, in such cases, but if that is not convenient one for you, will you suggest how it shall be done, as we do not like to trust money to our mails. The amount we would like to contribute is one hundred dollars. I do not know whether you will remember us, but we had the pleasure of sending you the Independent for a year or two, while you were living in Rochester, Minnesota.

Please direct to

Miss E. Thurston,  
No. 54 Pierpont Street,  
Brooklyn, New York.

And hoping soon to hear from you I am,  
Yours respectfully,  
Ellen Thurston.

To Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

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Altona, Knox County, Illinois,  
September 27, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

Yours of the 18th instant was duly received. I was sorry to hear that Cheyenne was supplied as I did wish to go there. But I trust Brother Faris is the right man for the place and will do well. I still desire to go west into some good promising field. I prefer to be on the rail road for many reasons, and in a place that is likely to be of importance, and a center of influence, where a man's labors, with the blessing of God, would have a good prospect, of a rich harvest of souls.



No matter if the beginning is small if the prospects are favorable and I can receive a support from some source until the church becomes self-sustaining.

I am not sufficiently acquainted with the different fields to specify any particular one. But if you will give me a description of some of the most promising vacancies in your field, I will consider the matter carefully and prayerfully.

Mention what support I could expect and what assistance you could give me in going to see the place. I have no means to travel on and could only go where sent. I would like to hear from you as soon as possible, as I am anxious to get settled before winter. My time here is out November 1st.

Mrs. Giffen sends her compliments to yourself and wife.

Yours in the bonds,

J. Giffen.

Altona, Knox Co., Illinois.

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 Santa Rosa, Sonora County, California,  
 September 27, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours of 31st August came in my absence and is answered as fully as possible.

For our churches on San Francisco bay I refer you to the minutes. We have six churches in this same country all within 40 miles of each other, or 20 from this place, and one in Napa county, one at Navejo, one at Benicia and one near Sacramento.

We generally need ministers but the support in most of our small fields is inadequate for men with families.

Hence I hesitate to advise Brethren like D. C. Lyon to come to this coast. I would rejoice to see him here and have several times written to him on the subject. How is he situated and where is he now laboring? We have vacant churches and places where churches can be formed but no one where he could obtain a full support by preaching.

I rejoice to hear from you and that you are pushing the work in that vast region. May God be with you.

Yours truly,

Thomas Fraser.

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 Mission House, 907 Arch Street,  
 Philadelphia, Pa., September 29, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
 Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Brother:

Your favor of the 15th instant came duly to hand but I delayed answering it in the expectation of hearing officially from the Presbytery of Missouri River. Up to this date no application either from the Stated Clerk or the Chairman of the Committee on Missions for the appointment of the brethren named by you has

reached the Office and of course the Executive Committee have had no authority to act. Will you see that the application is forwarded?

I will recommend the appointments named by you but cannot certainly tell what the Committee will do. I desire to do as much as I can in the far West, but your own judgment must convince you that it would be impracticable, with the limited resources of the Board, to appoint many missionaries at an average of \$1000.

I thank you for the article you sent for publication in the Record. It came too late to be published in the October number, but I will try to make room for it in the number following. As we have so little space in the Record, all articles intended for publication should be short.

I am glad that a kind Providence protected you during your extensive tour of exploration and hope that you are well and happy in your work. With kind regards, I remain

Fraternally yours,

G. W. Musgrave. per F.

Many thanks for your kind remembrances of Mr. Powell and myself.

Frank.

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Elizabeth, New Jersey, September 29, 1869.

To the Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

In conversation, not long ago, with Mrs. Judge Jones of Philadelphia, I became considerably interested in the field of labor in regard to which you have been interesting the readers of the Presbyterian. In conversation also with our mutual friend, the Rev. Mr. Roberts of this place, he spoke of you and told me that there is an open door for labour in your vicinity and stated that there is already a vacant church awaiting a Pastor or supply. I therefore thought there would be no harm writing you, for it might be that the Lord would have something for me to do in that field of labour. I have been fifteen years in the south as a minister and longer than that as a resident, but am anxious, if it be the will of our common Master, to labour in the church of my fathers. I have a family, and should it appear that I am called to the western field I would enter upon my labours immediately not expecting to bring them till spring.

Should you desire to know any thing of me I would refer you to Mrs. Jones of Philadelphia and to Brother Roberts of this place.

Hoping that the Lord will take charge of this correspondence and that you as well as myself may be under his guiding hand, I sign myself

Yours in the Gospel,  
Wm. E. Hamilton.

Cheyenne, Wyoming, September 30, 1869.

Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

Yours of the 18th is received. I am glad to learn that we shall have a supply soon. I think it is very necessary to keep the field continually occupied, for some time we have been occupying the Episcopal church and was gradually building up a good attendance at our services, the break in our meeting by Mr. Gage's absence has compelled Mr. Cook to make other arrangements with his meetings. Fully realizing the triteness of the old adage "Beggars should not be choosers", yet I feel much solicitude in regard to Mr. Faris's success in this community. Our principle men in the country are strong active uncompromising republicans; as you know we have in sympathy with our enterprise all of our Territorial and judicial officers, all of whom are plain out and out republicans. Mr. Faris says he is a conservative, is coming out here to harmony with that element. A Minister who would express sympathy with a leaning towards copperheadism in this community would be a dead letter- More injury to the cause of religion than benefit.

We shall be pleased to see you when you can visit us; we need very much a good active working man among us.

I am most respectfully,  
W. F. Thompson.

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Chicago, September 30, 1869.  
156 Washington Street.

Dear Brother Jackson:

The only proper way to get the change you propose, is for some one to resign his appointment, and so leave an opening. I will consent to no arrangement that has not this foundation stone -- a vacancy, before a consideration of the field.

Accordingly, since you have twice expressed a desire for a change, I hereby resign the appointment to Cheyenne, absolutely.

This leaves Cheyenne vacant; you can now appoint Brother Peck to it, or reappoint myself, or appoint some one else.

Should this resignation of mine lead to other changes in your field, e. g., should Brother Peck resign Helena for Cheyenne, and should you then wish to consider me with reference to that or any other such vacancy, you can then make me a new appointment and I will consider it on its merits, just as I would any other call. But I will not consider anything while it is not vacant. Brethren in the ministry are entitled to this from me, and whatever I may say as to their fitness for certain fields is meant as brotherly counsel to persons interested and not as a wedge to drive them and their people apart.

I am now free and disengaged from all fields. While in this state, I shall probably be at my father's, off and on. Address me at Anna, Union County, Illinois. A telegram to me at St. Louis, 212 North 5th Street, would reach me about October 12, perhaps

sooner. Please understand me, Brother Jackson, as desiring to help you solve the problem presented. I see no other course for me to take, if I would help you at all. I am now free, and ready to hear proposals from or for any and all fields.

Yours in the gospel,  
W. W. Faris.

Memoranda of Sheldon Jackson  
September 1869.

16333 Miles traveled  
\$726.60. expenses

Places supplied with more or less regular preaching.  
Glenwood, Red Oak, Nedaway, Sidney, Hamburgh, Salem, Base City  
A city, Pleasant Grove, Clarinda, Hawleyville, Corning, Iowa--12  
Falls City, Salem, Tecumseh, Helena, Lincoln, Blair, Fremont,  
Bells Creek, Logan, Columbus, and Grand Island, Nebraska--12  
Cheyenne, Laramie, Rawlins, Sweet Water, Bryan, Wyoming = 5  
Wahsatch, Corinne, Utah = 2.  
Bell Creek, Nebraska May 30, 8 members.

organizations, Red Oak, June 15, ten members Samuel Rogers, Elder  
Tecumseh, July 11, 14 members -- no Elder.  
Cheyenne, July 18, 9 members. W. F. Thompson, Elder.  
Helena, August 1, 13 members -- no Elder.  
Rawlins, August 8, 6 members, -- no Elder. Elder  
Laramie, August 10, 6 members. Mr. Lancaster Robt. Mitchell, Elder  
Grand island, August 12, 5 members. Samuel Hindman.  
Columbus, August 13, 3 members. no Elder.  
Blair, August 15, Miles C. Dupette, Elder.  
Fremont, August 16, 3 members W. W. Galpin, Elder.  
Corning, August 22, 5 members - J. A. Potwin, Elder.  
Men:-- Faris, Smith, Elliott, H. P. Peck, A. P. Peck, A. M.  
Darley, Nesbit, Wilson, Wescott, Hutchison, Geo. Hay, McDowell,  
Hon. Shaley, Cameron, Wilson, Randolph, Smith.

Board Church Extension.

Corning. \$300  
Red Oak. 800  
Corinne, 1000  
Bell Creek 500  
Sweet Water 500

Domes Missions. \$500 traveling.  
H. P. Peck, \$1000,  
W. W. Faris, 1000,  
W. S. Harding 1000

September 18, 1868--- 50)  
July 17, 1868--- 5) Carpenter  
December 50)  
Patterson (Sept. 25  
Nov. 10  
June 14. 25

December 1864	
from Mrs. Eli Merrill,	\$50.00
November 30, 1867	
from Mrs. Mary Tabor	100.00
February 10, 1868	
from Mrs. J. M. Graham	50.00

Bedford, Iowa, October 1, 1869.

Rev. S. Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

I have despaired of effecting a meeting with you, especially since you were within 14 miles of me on the very day you said it would be impossible to meet me. Hoping to see you yet somewhere I have no farther propositions to make.

I enclose herewith the minute of my efforts to complete an organization at Westville. I leave you to fill a few blanks, and complete the work.

Besides the names already enrolled it was expected that the following persons would have joined in with the organization, viz: Mr. Wm. Bryson and Mrs. J. E. Bryson, Mr. John Bryson and Mrs. Elizabeth Bryson. For some reason unknown to me they failed to be at the last meeting. I enclose the letter of Mrs. Welch, the only one I retained.

Praying for your welfare and success, I remain  
Yours truly,  
S. A. McElhinney.

Fremont, Iowa, October 2, 1869.

Brother Jackson:

Dr. Chase and Co. now make another offer --- Your letter received, viz: to give a lot one block south of the one formerly bought, and donated by Dr. Chase & Co.

Give lot for parsonage on Chase's addition.

On the other side you will see a rough plot. Parallel lines indicate the streets - A chapel now will create discontent generally. The new Railroad will help E. street.

Probably a lot could be bought near Episcopal Church - But these parties perhaps have some claim. Nothing will be lost by letting matters rest till spring, except it would give immediate character to our church. Do you accept this proposition of Dr. Chase's? Wilson has gone to Columbus, &c.

J. L. Sage.

( Rough drawing )

Beatrice, Gage County, Nebraska,  
October 2, 1869.

Dear Brother Sheldon Jackson:

The very cordial interest you have shown in me and my labors is the inducement to say a few words in regard to the latter.

I am obliged to give most of my time to building church and parsonage. The fine weather following the dripping days in Nebraska City have enabled us to make good progress in our work, and I am now very hopeful that we may occupy our church as soon as January next; at least that we shall get the walls up and roof on. The schoolhouse has been under repairs for the past few weeks and we have place for meetings now. The school house will be ready in a few days. But I long and pray that the day may soon come when we can worship and praise the Lord in a home dedicated to His service. Our place continues to improve and if we have Railraïd as we expect Beatrice must soon become a large village or city. There are now six stores and will be two more within a month. The Episcopalians have just completed arrangements by which they take an unfinished church edifice and complete it at a cost of not less than \$3000 --- \$1400 having been previously expended on it. They now bring their \$3000 from sources outside of our place. It is an indication of the importance of the of this point. There is not a member of their sect in this place, we now have nine.

When you go east you must try and state our situation to Dr. Ellinwood as fully and strongly as the facts will warrant, which I trust will cause the strings of our church erection purse to relax to the extent of at least \$1500. I should be very glad if your could pay me a visit.

How can I procure say 3 dozen copies of the Hymnal -- also a small Sunday School Library. I do not know just how to take up a collection now for these purposes. We are now coming to a bell; also my support is now under consideration. If I had the Hymnals here I could probably sell most of them and return the proceeds to the Board. I should be very glad also to circulate other publications of the Board.

Perhaps I can be furnished with a supply for circulation to be used on such conditions as may be practicable. I need not enlarge to you on the great need of good religious books.

On thw whole, my work has under the blessing of God, a promising aspect. I am looking forward with hope to the time when building over I can give myself up wholly to the work of a minister of Christ.

Yours fraternally,  
B. F. McNeil.

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Arcola, Illinois, October 4, 1869.

Rev. Mr. Jackson,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Kind Sir:

I addressed you a note some time since to Omaha which you may never have received or which being only on personal business you may never yet have found time to answer---but as I would much like a word of advice and direction from you I will try again. My husband is occupied so I do the writing. We desire to arrange our home but have not means at command to travel sufficiently to select a home -- but knowing how well acquainted with the whole State you are) have thought you could direct us to some promising point--some new town with good prospects -- a County seat preferred, as Mr. Monroe expects to practice law but would teach for the present, or I would like an opening to teach music as that is my business usually. A place where building material and fuel are cheap and desirable as well as healthy location -- good water, &c. &c. You will remember my beloved Father Alfred Hamilton, D.D., of the N. W. Presbyterian. If you can without too much trouble write me soon you will be conferring a great favor.

Respectfully

Henrietta H. Monroe,  
Address W. W. Monroe, County Superintendent  
of public Schools,  
Douglas County, Illinois.

In mentioning any place if you can give the distance and fare from Chicago, or some point on the Missouri River you will oblige Mrs. Monroe.

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Johnstown, Pennsylvania, October 4, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find five (5) dollars, please use it to forward the cause you are engaged in.

Respectfully &c.,  
Geo. W. Gageby

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Greenleaf, Minnesota, October 6, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Since coming home I have about made up my mind to go into that work in Nevada, provided I can get my money matters into good shape. Should I come I should like to locate at the point we mentioned - perhaps and then do a work of exploration through the whole State. My teacher from Iowa has joined me and should I be able to go I would want to take her with me and establish a school at some suitable point--so when you send a pass to Sioux City let it be for me and family. Do you think a pass could be obtained over the Pacific road during the next 3

weeks or so? I may be entirely exhausted of means by the time I reach Sioux City, as I shall be obliged to sacrifice most or all my property by leaving this fall. I am willing to do this for the greater good I believe would be accomplished in the transfer. If you would apply to McCormick or any of those parties you mentioned - or should the N. S. Board do so, do you not think it would accomplish the end?

Where will you be in 3 or 4 weeks from this date?

Even should I not be able to move at once, I think I can come myself, and explore the country, make a claim of it, and then send or come for my family Miss Mize, who has joined us is I am sure a capable teacher, and is a thorough Presbyterian. She would do good work for us out there.

Let me hear immediately as no time can be lost with my arrangements.

Fraternally yours,  
W. C. Harding.

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Ross, Butler County, Ohio,  
October 7, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Your note did not reach me till last evening. I was very glad to hear from you. To-day I start to Lincoln, Illinois, to visit a sister, and perhaps, to supply a vacant church in that region next Sunday. I think I would be quite willing to take either Blair, or Atlantic on the terms you mention. I would be very glad to get back to my old Presbytery. I do not want to leave it or the west; I would prefer Atlantic to Blair, if everything is smooth and quiet there. Could the matter be definitely settled without my going out? I can not easily bear the expense of a trip there, but if it is necessary I can go. If the thing could be arranged without my going I would have my wedding to take place in the latter part of this month perhaps, and go out to remain about the first of November. But I do not want to go on any uncertainty.

Write to me at Lincoln, Illinois, care of rev. A. I. Layenberger. I think I can give you a definite answer next week. There is a very desirable church in Illinois which I was told I could perhaps get, but I am reluctant to leave Missouri River. I will know in a few days about that.

I have had a very pleasant time here among my friends but I am out of money and want to get to work again just as soon as possible. I am now at my brother's. I am exceedingly obliged to you for the kindness you have shown me. Write to me at once and as fully as you can and you will hear from me.

Your brother,  
M. Hughes.

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Mt. Airy, New Jersey, Thursday, Oct. 7/69.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
My Dear Brother:

My object in writing you at this time is simply this. On the last Sabbath of this month we take up a collection in our Sabbath School for the purpose of furnishing Sabbath Schools with Libraries in the more destitute portions of our country.

I have thought that perhaps some of those churches you have recently organized along the Pacific Rail Road stand in need of such benefactions.

Now if you will furnish me the name of some church (I would prefer that it should be on the Pacific R.R.) with some statements as to its situation and condition I think I can stimulate my Sabbath School to contribute more liberally than it otherwise would. I propose that our contribution be forwarded at once to the Board of publication and that the amount in Books be shipped to the address of the Superintendent of said school-- or some friend in the place or to yourself for the School.

I do not suppose that the collection will amount to a great deal as it is a first effort but it may assist in purchasing a library for some destitute School in the west.

Address me at Lambertville, New Jersey. Will you write your letter so that I can read it before the Sabbath School.

If you feel inclined to furnish any items in reference to the Missionary work of the West which will serve to stimulate my people do it as I expect to present that cause in a short time.

Very truly yours,  
J. Balie Adams.

Corinne, Utah, October 8, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

The blank from board of Church extension has been received. We think it better for us to write you the facts as they now are and our views as to building and allow you to fill the blank.

Corinne has been gradually improving since you were here. Several large and substantial business buildings have been erected. One two-story adobe Hotel, also one frame Hotel, and about 10 good private residences.

The building now claimed by Episcopal Church is nearly completed. The attendance on service is some better. We have not located the lot promised by the Railroad Company and thought we would wait until you or Representative would be here to assist in said choice. We all know and feel the necessity of having a Presbyterian Church and organization here, but on account of the money raised by subscription for other building, and the stringency of the money market, we have concluded that with concurrence of yourself and Minister to be sent to Corinne that

it would be better to use the other Chapel as often as we desire it until spring -- about 1st of April. We think we would be able to raise a large subscription in cash, which added to the Extension fund would enable us to erect a fine building either of adobe or lumber as may be decided on. We think that it would be well for you to have the amount donated by the church ready for use early in the spring.

Yours truly,  
 J. A. Gaston,  
 E. P. Johnson,  
 J. W. Graham, M. D.

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 Winona, Minnesota, October 8, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Agreeably to your request I write you at Schenectady sending list of articles for the proposed Missionary box. I almost feel reproached in doing so too, for while we need the articles, and in my circumstances I feel greatly circumscribed, still I feel afraid of coming in the way of others more justly deserving and needy, and I also feel timid about being known as an applicant for such a box. I leave the matter with your good judgment and kind heart.

If you notice anything about the list that had better be stricken out or altered do so freely. These are articles we should need to buy and their bestowment by some of the churches would be a great favor. You might suggest that it is desirable the things should be of fair quality for the circle in which we have to move. Dresses and material of that kind to make over might be very servicable -- we wish as I said to you to give Mrs. Adams a little help from it too. Please let us know when we may expect a response to the application, and into whose hands you gave our case.

If in talking with Dr. Hall or Dr. Paxton any opportunity occurs of mentioning favorably the need of our church here of a parsonage or lecture room or bell, I would be greatly obliged if you would do so. I mean, if you should know of any in their congregations who might be able and willing to give us a helping hand in any of those particulars. I feel it would be a great thing for us just now and unless we do get some such help I doubt of our getting these things for a long while to come -- some conditional help would be of great service.

Did you mention my name to any of the Brethren of our Presbytery for appointment to the Assembly next spring, before you left? If not could you drop any of them a note before the meeting of our Presbytery on the last Tuesday of this month at Black River Falls? Mrs. McNulty joins me in love to you; her health is very poor. May the good Master greatly bless and prosper you in your noble work for him and his church!

Yours affectionately,  
 Joseph M. McNulty.

Council Bluffs, Iowa, October 8, 1869.

Mr. S. D. Powel,  
Dear Sir:

Please pay to the order of Rev. Sheldon Jackson  
Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) and charge the same to my Salary  
Account.

Yours truly,  
H. P. Peck.

Council Bluffs, Iowa,  
Oct. 8, 1869.

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Grand Island Station, October 9, 1869.

Dear brother Jackson,

After waiting so long I am able to state to you that I started out this morning to raise means to build the church at this place. I succeeded in getting 361 dollars subscribed towards building the church and I will be able no doubt to raise as much more as that, as I have not been over more than one half of the ground; and although the Rail Road Company did not subscribe as much as I expected they would, yet one of the firm told me that the church should be built. I will send you a bill of lumber for said church when wanted we must push it on now if we build this fall. which is most desirable there as several persons here who will connect with the first chance as two ladies told me that they wished to do so. We want to have trustees appointed. Please write soon and let us know what are the prospects of preaching here, as I am asked by many when we will have a preacher; as Mr. Marquett does not fill the bill in that respect; he is not helping us to build but is instead trying to raise money to build a parsonage although he expects to use ours if we should succeed in getting one. Now then we will but we can build without his help, his influence is not felt either way. I think and verily believe that we can raise seven or eight hundred dollars -- the country abounds with plenty-- the Railroad Company are not paying as fast as we could wish and money not so plenty as we could wish; on that account, still all that will not prevent the church being built.

I add no more but remain

Your Brother in Christ,  
Robert Mitchell.

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My dear Mr. Jackson:

Thank you for your note received last week. I was beginning to think you had forgotten me.

We have called a meeting and will gladly send a box to Mr. Graham.

With love to your wife and kind remembrances from Mr. Holliday and myself to you, I remain your friend,

Marie A. Holliday.

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Would you like to have the "Sunday School Times" renewed for the coming year? and will the 40 copies Child's Paper be sent to you?

Atlantic, Iowa, October 10, 1869.

We the undersigned desiring the privileges of a Presbyterian Church at Atlantic, Iowa, would earnestly request Rev. Sheldon Jackson and Rev. B. Phillips to organize such a Church at this point, if the way be clear, on Sabbath, October 10th, 1869.

(signed) Theodore Cushing  
L. H. Smith,  
H. Smith  
Josephine Stone,  
J. L. Stone.

Brooklyn, N. Y., October 13, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

I enclose my sister's check for \$100, to the care of Messrs. Sheldons & Co. agreeably to your direction. We should be very happy to see you while you are in New York, if your engagements permit you to call, and with best wishes for your success in your Mission to the East, I am

Yours respectfully,  
Eliza Thurston.

Oswego, New York, October 13, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

I am very glad that you are to make search for the lost box. It was sent to Rev. S. M. Irwin, Geneva, Kansas, in June by propeller as far as Chicago; this distance without success. We have made frequent inquiries at our office here but no trace can be had. As the barrel was marked clothing, I fear it has been appropriated before this and Mr. Irwin will never see it. It was valued by our ladies \$116.00 -- no very high valuation. This last summer is the first time our boxes have not been received, one other sent by our church this season has not been heard from.

I think you will be kept quite busy if with all your many duties you search for lost boxes, but I feel quite sure if any one finds it you will.

These cases will not discourage us, and we shall soon be ready to work again, and trust you will supply us soon with

objects. A few individuals I hope next month may do something for the family you last mentioned.

We leave home tomorrow to be absent two or three weeks. Father may attend the meetings at Pittsburgh. Our house will be closed until the 15th, after that we most gladly welcome you here. And you intimated you might find time to visit us. We sincerely hope you may be successful in finding the box.

Yours respectfully,  
C. H. Condit.

Council Bluffs, Iowa, October 18, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I have been so engaged during the past week that I could not write and take this first opportunity Monday morning. I regret that I could not meet you before you left for I had important communications relating to LINCOLN. I met McCann after and long conference communicate the following. If you think Condit will suit Lincoln send him immediately here or to Nebraska City. McCann will go to Lincoln with him and settle him there, provided he reaches Nebraska City long enough before McCann leaves for the Assembly, November 5th. I think you had better telegraph

Condit at once lest it may be too late for McCann to go out with him. McCann thinks if we do not have a man at Lincoln this winter "we had better throw up the sponge". Have him come at once. If I had known his address I would have written him.

I enclose two letters from McCann. The one a letter of introduction to Mr. Harvey of Baltimore.

McCann has learned that besides what Dr. Backus would do for Lincoln through Mrs. Brown that Dr. Dickson's church would also like to take up Lincoln for the reason that Mr. Smith, Dickson's son-in-law will remove to Lincoln. Now we must use care lest these two liberalities conflict. To avoid this, first ascertain if Dr. Dickson and church guaranty to take up Lincoln and do all that is necessary there towards the church building and support of Pastor. If they will, then had you not better secure Mrs. Brown's liberality and that of Dr. Backus' Church for Omaha? But first secure Lincoln safely, as the point of first importance. To avoid any conflict here McCann suggests that you consult and act with Mr. Harvey, a judicious, fine business man. This is the substance of McCann's opinion. The Omaha matter I do not know he had thought of. I enclose the two letters from McCann.

Dr. Speer has just spent three or four days with us and delivered his lecture on China and the Chinese in our Country. He regretted that he could not see you, left his regards; will be in Philadelphia on Thursday week.

Mrs. Wm. E. Morris the mother of Mr. Morris of Wasatcha, has been with us for the same length of time. She desires you to make your home with her when you are in Philadelphia. Her residence is 1225 Spruce Street, Philadelphia. She is deeply interested in our Missions and will exert her influence and use

her means for us. Be certain to call on her. Gage remained with us until Saturday and left for Fremont. I do not know certainly respecting Smith of Sioux City, but think he will leave for the East. He says the people universally were pleased with M. Hughes. If he leaves he will secure Hughes a call as supply. If he does not leave we must interest Hughes in Atlantic. If Smith leaves Sioux City and Hughes goes to that point you had better look out for a man for Atlantic.

Mrs. Morris insists that you find two or three men for west end of U. P. R. R. Get her to support them -- I hope we can put in Wilson of Winnebago Mission at Falls City and Salem.

You did not leave me the address nor the rates of the Chicago lumber man. We may need them for a Mission Chapel here at once. Please send me his address, if you can, by return mail.

Elliott's pastoral relationship was dissolved by Presbytery. Let me hear frequently from you if you have the time to write, and may God give you favor with the people of the East, and may your life and health be precious in his sight.

With kind regards,

Fraternally yours,  
T. H. Cleland, Jr.

Fremont, Nebraska, October 19, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson:

You will want to hear from Fremont. I am better pleased than I anticipated even. Our few members are all pleased with the idea of progress and a pastor - will help I think. Members of the other churches have spoken friendly words.

The town has improved considerably. I have been well.

I sent you a "list" of articles needed--please add one hat 7 1/8 a soft felt hat. I find it will cost me as much to live here

as it did at Cheyenne. Changes have taken place at the hotels.

+ I have rented a room,+ The church building ought to be made with a room in the rear. I have to pay \$6 per month for room rent. Can you not communicate instructions with Chicago? We want foundation plan --- I do not know the address of builders. If you go to Princeton call for my Brother at the Seminary--- H. B. Gage. You ought to give them an address at the seminary. I saw the young man whom you met at Corrinne. He wants you to visit his folks in Philadelphia. Morris is his name -- It will pay to do so.

(insert) + and will board at the hotel- furnish my own room.

Saw Mr. Carrol to-day. He came from Blair - wants to unite Blair, and Fremont. Saw him but a moment. He seemed to think they needed preaching there. I go to Columbus next Sabbath. Had a full house Sabbath evening here. Have you attended to laying plan of foundation sent us?

Brother Carrol had written Mr. Campbell --- said there would be no difficulty---anxious to have me hold. I am not at all particular how the matter stands, N. S. or O. S. or none. I know you well enough to rest easy after what you have assured me.

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The general pervading tone of society Presbyterian not Congregational - i. e. should be. Brother Cleland does not seem to fancy the idea of this point becoming New School. Let me know at once what I am to expect. I can perhaps use the N. S. as an argument with some.

I suppose I am without commission at present from our Board. I told Brother Cleland you would attend to that. I think it best he should not ask till we knew in which Presbytery we were to be.

I will remember you daily in prayer.

Your Brother John T. Gage.

If churches would as lief let them send material with money for tailor, for dress suit --- (Return to star on p. 137.)

Editor.

Greenleaf, Minnesota, October 20, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours received. The Lord, I hope, has very remarkably cleared up my path to leave here, and if all goes well will start as soon as necessary arrangements can be made. I shall have to depend upon your kind promise in reference to sending a check to me at Council Bluffs. Wheat in this State has dropped down to an almost fabulously low price and in consequence there is no money to be had except at 2 % and more per month, and nothing can be sold for cash; so my horses &c. I will leave to be sold next spring. I feel the heavy expenses this entails upon you but trust it may prove as it has with me here, that the expense to the church at large is all at the outset.

Will try and make a start in about 2 weeks from this, tho' as you can readily conceive this will give us a great deal to do. Can not go by team at all; if the weather continues so cold as now, but will try and arrange for expenses as far as Sioux City, will probably leave my teacher, who by the way develops wonderfully upon us, to finish this term of school and follow on then, by which time I can make suitable selection of location for a seminary. This project is a favorite one with me, and I believe I have some aptitude in that line.

I may not see you again for a long time, but will write you often.

Yours in Christ,  
W. C. Harding.

I suppose you will send check to care Brother Cleland. I want to be out in time to improve the Fall in exploration.

Oxford, Ohio, October 21, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Your letters were duly received and I have written to Brother Cleland that I will take Atlantic. I will go there just as soon as I can---about the middle of November perhaps. I would like to know something more about the place, but suppose all

will be right. If you can find the time you will oblige me greatly by writing to me and giving me any information that you can. Address me at Loudonville, Ohio. I am very anxious to get out to my field and at work again. I would go at once but ladies cannot be hurried very much.

With very kind regards

Yours Fraternally,  
M. Hughes.

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Fremont, Nebraska, October 22, 1869.

Dear prother Jackson:

Your note to Galpin & Co. is received. Galpin has property on E. Street, is very unwilling to change. Al. you would prefer other lots, but thinks perhaps it is best to stand. The "lots" are too far out. But I think very likely in 100 years will be better than those first offered. To move will alienate Dr. Chase I think, and perhaps Galpin. The Doctor is away. Galpin thinks we cannot raise money to pay foundation! We can I think, -- What shall I do? At present the site looks rural.

Galpin says you gave him individually full power to locate. It is his work altogether as it now stands. He says he can't do any better. I am afraid I have done too much. Galpin knows I rather sympathize with you and the \$2000.

Your Brother,  
John L. Gage.

The Methodists are finishing theirs -- but with a debt. Hard times -- The people here have not expected to give anything except lots. I wish you were here to hear the blame. Galpin says so too -- All would side with you. Bridges will soon be ready he thinks - will send foundation plan.

There was no Hymn Books except Children's Edition. If you could find who Mrs. Michel of 1009 Clinton Street, Philadelphia is it might be of service to you.

Have you secured free freight on Sioux City & Pacific Railroad?

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U. P. R. R., October 25, 1869.

Brother Jackson:

I left Columbus this Monday morning. I found G. M. Wilson the Indian Missionary there at your request. He thinks he will go at once to Columbus and Grand Island if a commission is offered him. I have written to Brother Carvel. He is not perhaps very much of a preacher but a devout man and one that makes himself liked in families.

The Congregational Church I think would like to have him come as they think they will give up. It seems a good opportunity for our cause. Write to J. M. Wilson, W. Nebraska, Nebraska. I think Wilson will do for the field.

Your Brother, John L. Gage,  
Fremont, Nebraska.



Fremont, Nebraska, October 27, 1868.

Mr. Jackson,

Dear Brother in Christ:

I am very happy to inform you that I have become acquainted with the Rev. Mr. Gage and very sorry to find that you think of building a church on the lots that were selected out in the country. As I have heard Mr. Gage preach once and from my humble judgment I think he is capable of preaching in any pulpit in the city of Fremont and I think it would be using him unjustly to ask him to go out in the country as long as he is capable of preaching in the city.

I have been talking with the greater portion of the people of Fremont and they all seem to think that it would be foolishness to build a church out on the lots that were selected. I have been canvassing around town for the past two days and I have had the offer of one lot north of the Congregational Church facing on Broad with a west front; it is situated right between the Congregational and the Methodist Churches. I think it is one of the best lots in town (also Mr. Gage is perfectly satisfied with its location,) but as individuals Mr. Galpin and myself have committed ourselves on behalf of the Presbyterian Church to the lots selected out in the country and as more suitable lots can be obtained I wish you could contrive some way whereby we could be relieved from the lots selected.

I wish you would write to Dr. Chase in a mild manner and explain to him that you don't wish to put up a church on the lots selected as you believe they are too far from town and that you don't feel inclined to put a church on them.

As Brother Galpin has received the plan of the foundation had you not better stop the shipping of church until more suitable lots are obtained.

Your sincere friend,  
John Alcorn,  
Fremont, Nebraska.

Please write soon.

Corrinne, Utah Territory, October 27, '68.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Your favor came to hand in due time -- was glad to learn that you had the money in bank to assist in building the church. We can raise perhaps \$500 or \$800 by that time. This with the reduced price of material and labor in the spring will enable us to build a good house.

We were disappointed in not seeing Mr. Peck on the 17th, or at any time since -- hope you will be able to supply us occasionally during the winter. Should you come out to this place we will give you a House instead of a Tent. I have a comfortable house nearly completed -- hope to see you soon. Our kindest regards to Mrs. Jackson. Truly yours,

F. P. Johnson.

Fremont, Nebraska, October 27, 1869.

Brother Jackson:

You will understand the condition of affairs. As a matter of business our men committed themselves in writing to the lots on "E" street in the "rural" district.

I do not like them and Mr. Alcorn never did but supposed nothing better could be obtained. A good lot can be had this week. But our friends interested especially in the country on "E" St. seem inclined to push their advantage as mere business -- say you delegated Galpin to act for you, and that you will give \$4000 whether we change "lots" or not, the church is all contracted for, &c.

We have foundation plan -- Builders write they will ship as soon as we are ready. If the other contract for lots were abrogated I could soon have the matter reduced to order.

Or are you prepared to say you will not give more than \$2000 for a country chapel. It may be that in a few weeks these "lots" now offered us by other parties could not be had as a free gift. In that case are we you prepared to help purchase such grounds as we desire?

I seem tied just now so far a getting another lot is concerned and yet the golden opportunity may pass from us of securing what I want.

Your Brother,  
John L. Gage.

The people generally so far as I can learn are dissatisfied with the present location -- But to to move may alienate Dr. Chase. One man offers 25. acres if we will build on his land a few miles out!

Anna, Illinois, October 28, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Your letters all reached me while I was on a trip in Missouri and I only waited to get my wife and mother to advise about that stage trip, before deciding. I reached home this A.M. I dare not risk my baby that long trip, and that settles the question. I can not go.

I should add more if I were not writing hastily in a town drug store.

I shall send the Helena letter to you in a day or so, left it at home this P. M. My address will be Cape Girardeau, Missouri, where I have decided to go for a short time. I did not seek the place, but it sought me, and the need is very pressing.

Very many thanks for your cordiality and kindness in this whole negotiation. And may the Spirit of Wisdom and Grace abide with you and the Lord own your work.

That Helena letter seems to me providential, in the present concurrence of circumstances. You can get a man to go in scrip more easily than now. Attended delightful meeting of the old Synod of Missouri, 86 present, all workers and harmonious.

Wife's regards.

Yours in the gospel,  
W. W. Paris.

Council Bluffs, Iowa, November 2, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

Your letters from New York awaited my return from Synod. Regret to learn of your physical indisposition. I find our Postmaster has only forwarded your letters to New York without the "care Sheldon & Co." Enquire at General delivery in New York. I have corrected the error.

Campbell refuses now to give Hughes \$1000 for Atlantic but prefers our Board should take him up. I fear this will leave Atlantic vacant again. Bro. Peck writes discouragingly from Cheyenne; says the Presbyterians have gone over to the Congregationalists and don't want a Presbyterian minister. Have given him no encouragement--says that a general lack of confidence prevails in the town itself. I hardly think he will remain longer than to hear from you. I learn from two or three sources that Condit will by no means suit Lincoln. It is said of him that he is a dry preacher -- no energy -- and no heart in the work. Do you know of him personally? Barclay is now on the ground looking for a field. I want him to visit Hamburg &c. Swann will be out in a week or two to visit Falls City &c.

The meeting of Synod pleasant, a number inquired for you. A resolution was offered expressing a wish that no Missionary be appointed for Iowa. This was aimed at Mason. I offered a substitute, that no Missionary be appointed without consulting Synod or Presbytery. This latter would have carried if Mason had not stated that after the Union the Missionaries would be withdrawn and he would then be out of the way. We are all well. May the Lord bless your labors to the good of his church.

Fraternally yours,  
T. H. Cleland, Jr.

Blairtown, Iowa, November 2, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

After keeping you waiting for a long time I send you one hundred dollars (\$100.00) that ought to have been sent long ago. Farmers here have very little money. They never saw so hard times. I will send you the other fifty as soon as I possibly can. Will you be going through Blairtown the last of November? If you are cannot you be here on the evening of the 22d of November (Monday evening)? I wish to be married then and would like to have you marry us. Please answer this immediately for it is not long until the time and if you cannot come give me time to look for some one else. I will put Mrs. Jackson's name on this letter so that she may open it if you are not there, so that I can hear whether to expect you or not immediately. I send you two checks one for \$42.50 and one for \$57.50.

Come if you can.

Yours in Christ,  
J. Nesbit Wilson.

Fremont, Nebraska, November 4, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Returning from my eastern trip a few days ago I was surprised to find that nothing had been done here, towards erecting the Presbyterian Church on the lots which I purchased for them previous to leaving here in the summer; and was still more astonished to find at this late day, that some (among them I think the minister you have selected to preach for us), are dissatisfied with the location. I supposed that matters were finally settled, when the committee wrote me a note accepting the lots and agreeing to build a church costing not less than three thousand dollars, to be commenced by the first of October, and to be enclosed I think by the first of next. Especially as Mr. Galpin with whom it is understood here you left the matter of fixing on a location had previously assured me that if I would purchase those lots, they would accept them, and build their church on them. Having full faith in the promise of your committee and that inasmuch as you had given Mr. Galpin power to fix on a location, you would ratify whatever he did, I put myself to considerable trouble to solicit subscriptions and purchased the lots, making myself personally responsible to those who contributed, for the fulfillment of the promises of your committee. This is the way the matter now stands, and I cannot believe that the Presbyterian Church will fail to keep its promise with me, made through its authorized agents.

I know that in this country, among some of the old settlers (and I hope only a few) promises are lightly broken, but in the Church we look for a higher standard of morality. If the lots are thrown upon my hands, and I am obliged to return the money to those who contributed towards purchasing them, it will be a damage to me, as I have no use for them. It seems to me that it will be greatly to the interest of your church hereafter to go on and erect on these lots the building I am told you have had prepared for Fremont, as we shall all feel much more like rendering you substantial assistance in the future if you do so. I suppose you are aware another Railroad has been commenced here to run up the Elkhorn Valley. Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ has taken it in hand.

Yours very truly,  
Daniel S. Chase.

Chicago, Illinois, November 5, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Care of Sheldon & Co.,  
500 Broadway, New York.

Rev. & Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 2nd instant is this day received.  
Have letter to-day from Rev. Mr. Gage, Fremont, saying that they want and will try to get large Church satisfactory to

you, this fall will hold on until you decide. The Rawlins Church is shipped. The Cheyenne Church will follow soon.

Will send you copy of Standard with notice of W. P. D.W. Churches.

I am,

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant,  
Lyman Bridges.

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Cheyenne, Wyoming, November 8, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Your letter of October 30th is before me. I hasten to reply I am well, and better suited than when I first arrived.

Thompson received me cordially, but has not as yet introduced me to his wife or taken me to his house. Received Mr. Davis, Congregational Minister on one occasion, introduced me to his wife and Mrs. Thompson standing by, was asked "I suppose you have met Mr. Peck"? (I had then been here 10 days). She replied "Yes, I have met Mr. Peck!" Thus positively refusing an introduction. I mention this as an evidence of the manner in which I have been received by those to whom you gave me letters, and to whom I would look of all others for a cordial welcome. I have prayed much, and "knocked about" on my own hook to become acquainted with no one seeming to take any special interest in me or my work. I have made some pleasant acquaintances, among whom I mentioned Gov. Campbell and his brother the blind man, Mr. Faird, Mr. Thompson was not suited with the church lots originally selected and "I" which we own at present, so after 10 days delay in seeking the owner for the lot directly east of the Episcopal Church, and across the street we finally thought that we had bought the said lot of Major Evans of Omaha, for \$200, the major writing that he would dispose of it for that price and give a deed. Thompson Peck and Curtis, building Committee, commenced laying the foundation according to plan, and telegraphed to Mr. Bridges of Chicago to come on with the building at once. In a day or two Major Evans informed us by letter that he did not own that lot, but others in the same block, and desiring an exchange. I put the letters of Major Evans in the hands of Governor Campbell who says that since we commenced work upon the lot & upon Major Evans' promise to give a deed for the same we can oblige him to procure the lot or pay damages &c. The lot is the best in the city, the foundation is completed and finished in good style. We are waiting for the building. It is 10 days since we ordered it by telegram and letter.

I preached at Laramie last Sabbath, preach next Sabbath A.M. here. Shall I preach at Laramie once or twice a month? I have written to General Dodge to secure 4 fine lots at Laramie for a church building. I cannot tell you anything about Marango. I am being urged to take hold of Laramie but of course will wait your permission. I have done all I possibly could to make myself known and to "talk church" to the people. All seem pleased with the enterprise, and I am looking for a fair congregation.

both as to quality and quantity. Many of our Presbyterians are at present interested in the Congregational Church and in fact about half of that organization, is at this time Presbyterian. There are many rumors of future decline in Cheyenne, few seem to have any confidence in the permanence of the place. I give the reports for what they are worth. It is necessary for me to board at a private boarding house --- The Karn's House --- at an expense of \$15 per week.

I have now given you in a disconnected way a brief outline of my work and trials. I should be happy to hear from you as often as convenient. Tho' it would be pleasant to me to enjoy the companionship of my wife, which might be done during the winter at Omaha or Lincoln, yet if it be the will of the Master, I shall joyfully bear this Cross and work with the ability He giveth in this barren and distant field -- alone, unfriended, and surrounded by moral and physical desolation.

Yours in the work of Christ,

H. P. Peck.

Mr. Poland writes that the field in Omaha is ripe, and if we do not take advantage of it by the 10th or 15th of this month he must sell the lot to the United Presbyterians. He is going away and needs his money.

Council Bluffs, Iowa, November 8, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

I have just returned from Omaha where we secured half passes for Brother Harding, family and lady friend, who is to teach. He starts in the morning for San Francisco, leaves his family with friends in California and he goes to Truckee. I advanced him \$200 which leaves him comfortable. It was clearly best that he should go at once. He has written Dr. Kendall an explanatory letter.

I visited Mr. Pollard in Omaha and got an extension of time on the disposition of the church lot. He was to have sold to the United Presbyterians on the 10th November, if we did not go forward. He seems extremely anxious to have a church, Old School and the number is increasing. The New School church there is worse than no church as far as the good of Christ's cause is concerned. I held out the hope to him that you would succeed at Baltimore in getting Dr. Dickson to take up Lincoln and interest Dr. Backus in Omaha. If you succeed with Dr. Backus, secure the funds for immediate use. A stone mason residing near the lot says he would lay the foundation cheaper in winter than next spring, and on this gift of Mrs. Brown, if we build of brick we can get the Omaha people to donate the amount.

If you do not return to Council Bluffs directly from Baltimore, then write me on Monday of your success that I may communicate with Poland.

Mr. Kennedy of Omaha, the Lincoln Elder, who returns in

the spring to Lincoln, still prefers Peck and says the people do. But Peck would prefer Omaha, and if you succeed in Baltimore Peck can go to work at once in Omaha. He says he will not remain at Cheyenne, finds no encouragement among the Presbyterians, who seem to have gone over to the Congregationalists. As he does not remain the Committee of Missions will not recommend him to the Board.

I have heard nothing of Condit. I met Mr. Swan at Synod; he is on his way to Falls City. - H. A. Barclay is looking at Hamburg and Glenwood. Smith leaves Sioux City about the middle of December. A brother recently preached there from Illinois, with whom the people were pleased.

Campbell refuses to commission Hughes unless church and preacher are under New School Presbyterians control. I write to Hughes tonight to unite with the Presbytery. I don't know whether he will or not.

We need you very much here on the ground. I hope you will soon come.

My church is suffering for want of my undivided attention, complaints are numerous and my means are too small. I love this mission work but Providence urgently calls me to my peculiar field.

Mrs. Cleland sends kind remembrances. With prayer for God's blessing on you and the cause of missions I am

Yours in the gospel,  
T. H. Cleland, Jr.

Fremont, Nebraska, November 9, 1868.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Your notes received. We are in a "muddle" - I don't know what Galpin will do. I have told I should stay here any how. I was going to hang on - Alcorn stands firm.

I have connected with Omaha Presbytery. I think Brother Carrol seemed to doubt whether more than \$500 could be assured me. They (Dr. Kendall) promised Smith \$600 and \$800 and what the fields could do in addition.

With present prices of rents and living it is impossible for me to live on \$800. Brother Chase says living is almost the same as Council Bluffs. If you can, see Dr. Kendall and show him the necessity of more here than on some of the country fields which he has lately commissioned.

I thank you for interest in Mrs. Nesbitt to me. I wish you would obtain for me bedding for my bed. If any body wants to furnish some carpeting send them on.

What is to be done about Wilson who is now at Columbus and on Grand Island. Is he to connect with Omaha by the Old School Board your Board not curial? I am New School.

Brother Wilson also wishes clothing. Can you supply him?

John

Your Brother,  
John L. Gage.

Elizabeth, New Jersey, November 9, 1869.

To the Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

I thought it would be better for me to write you by Brother Roberts than to come at once to the meeting of the Assembly, as it becomes me to feel very cautiously after the leadings of Divine Providence. Should you deem it advisable for me to come on immediately, and if it is the will of Him who chooses and appoints his servants to their places of labour, I can do so.

If, however, you have been lead to think otherwise, from any new view of the matter since we met, be candid with me, my dear Brother, as I would not for the world enter a field where the Lord of the Vineyard has no use for me.

I still feel my mind going out after your field in that great west. It may, however, seem best, as the season is pretty well advanced, and as I have been so long from my family to await the early spring. May the Lord in his mercy and goodness direct!

I stand the climate thus far pretty well, indeed with increasing vigor, though somewhat depressed from the labours of last Lord's Day. I then preached three times, attended the Sunday School, administered the communion and spent an hour with a sick and dying lady, after preaching on Saturday. The climate seems to stimulate my feelings and lead me sometimes to go too far - a little.

Hoping and praying that the Lord may bless and direct your labours, I would remain, most affectionately,

Your Brother in Christ,

Wm. E. Hamilton.

Brooklyn, New York, November 10, 1869.

Dear Brother:

Some unknown person has sent me \$20 for you. Thinking it will be safe, I send you my check for that amount. Please let me know if you receive it. I am sorry that have not received more from our folks, but glad that you have not asked entirely in vain. God bless and prosper you.

Yours truly in Christ,

Henry J. Van Dyke.

Brooklyn, Nov. 10, 1869.

Fremont, Nebraska, November 11, 1869.

Brother Jackson:

I wrote you this week and sent to Pittsburg. I fear it may not reach you. If Dr. Chase writes you (he has I understand) be careful how you answer. He has said he was going to publish your correspondence!! Broken contract! -- do not feel discouraged though of course annoys somewhat.

I asked you to see Dr. Kendall and explain to him the nature of this field as expensive. Mr. Carroll did not seem to know



whether the same could be done for me which was promised Smith.

The lots were were corner which were promised near Congregational Church. But I think just now they could not be obtained. Interest waning --- A corner lot could have been bought by Epis. Church. Now the Railroad fills the mind of all. But inspires the townsmen with hope and all will want the church the more. But I am not sure that other lots will be donated next spring. The season is so far advanced that I would not like to have painting done this winter any how, and I would let the whole matter rest and tell them so.

What shall Wilson do? Connect with Presbytery? He is at Columbus. Winter is on us -- Peck is discouraged at Cheyenne, I learn.

Brother

John L. Gage.

Chicago, Ill. November 16, 1868.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Agent Presbyterian Board Church Extension,  
500 Broadway, New York.

Rev. & Dear Sir:

Mr. Wilson of Rawlings writes us that they are ready for us now. We will push matters that way, and see Mr. Thompson on our way out by Cheyenne. Hope to see you here this month.

I have just returned from Kansas Pacific. That Company will give you lots in any town you desire. The treasurer, Mr. Greeley, so informed me. They think your enterprise just the thing for Kansas.

I have read with much interest your happy Presbyterian Union. Glad the cause is now removed from any future separation.

Please keep me posted about Fremont. How about Columbia, Laramie, Bryan, Wasatch and Ogden, Chapels?

I am Very respectfully

Your obedient servant,  
Lyman Bridges.

Corning, Iowa, November 17, 1868.

Rev. S. Jackson,  
New York.

Dear Sir:

Yours of October 12th was received. Mr. Shaeley has been at Corning and preached on two Sabbaths, and we had full congregations both days. He will come again and then we will try to decide what to do. I have no one that feels an interest in Presbyterian matters to consult with, and as Elder Patterson has not yet been out of the house on the Sabbath that Mr. Shaeley preached I judge he is not the kind of thing we need for an elder. I am absent much of the time, and regret that I can not

able to do more, and will not consent to give up.  
 What had I better do? I shall be pleased to hear from you.

Truly yours,  
 G. W. Frank.

To Rev. S. Jackson,  
 New York.

P. S. I am very much pleased with Mr. Shaeley. F.

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 Bedford, Iowa, November 18, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
 Dear Brother:

When can you be at Amity to organize the church there? Deo Volente, I shall preach there three weeks from next Sabbath (2d Sabbath of December). My appointment for that place will be every four weeks through the winter. The brethren there wish you to come and organize--also if practical, hold a series of meetings. Please let me know when you can be there.

Arrived here with my family two weeks ago. Have not got fairly to housekeeping yet.

The Board of Domestic Missions made something of a blunder in my commission. They name Bedford, Pleasant Ridge, and Wests Station as the points. Wests Station is some 25 or 28 miles from here on the rail Road and could be better supplied by the minister at Red Oak than any other one. Their commission comes also for two hundred dollars instead of four hundred as agreed upon. I hope the mistake will be rectified, as I cannot subsist upon the salary.

Truly yours,  
 W. F. Randolph.

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 Chicago, Ill. October 19, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
 500 Broadway, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I have written the gentlemen at Rawlings, Cheyenne, and Fremont as directed by you.

The sittings with revolving backs, as per sample, sent enclosed, will cost \$10.00 each --that is every other one with revolving backs, eight feet long seating six grown persons, just exactly the thing for Sabbath Schools, Church or lecture purposes.

Please let me hear from your other five churches, Bryan, Columbus, Wasatch, etc., you mentioned.

I am dear Sir, very respectfully  
 Your obedient servant,  
 Luman Bridges.

Cheyenne, Wyoming, November 20, 1882.

Dear Brother Cleland:

Pardon my second letter but the case is urgent. I write to you in case Brother Jackson may not have returned, and as soon as possible he may know how matters stand here. As soon as you may be able to see him please inform him of the contents of this note.

We have secured the most eligible lot in the place for a church building, just east of the Episcopal church. It was granted as a donation. A board of trustees was elected at a meeting some two weeks since, consisting of Governor Campbell as President, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Buell and Mr. Foster, Editor of the "Leader". A nice foundation built of stone and brick according to the plan I brought with me and at an expense of \$500, has been in readiness more than three weeks. Mr. Thompson sent a telegram and letter, both to Lyman Bridges of Chicago, the contractor, to ship the building immediately, before work was begun upon the foundation. About two weeks since a letter was received from Mr. Bridges acknowledging the receipt of the order for the building, and promising to attend to it at once. Nothing has been heard since -- no notice of shipment or word from Mr. Jackson. I have worked hard, in the way of visiting and encouraging for the new church and the Congregationalists are much discouraged. They gave their Pastor however \$150 Thanksgiving. Now, if the building is not coming soon it will be too late this season. If we are to have no building this winter it is worse than useless to retain a man here at \$15 per week with no place for preaching. I have been here 5 weeks and only preached once in that time, though I preach regularly every other Sabbath at Laramie, twice. Mr. Gage occupied the Episcopal church every Sabbath evening, and Mr. Cook declines to grant me the same favor, and no other place can be secured. Pastoral work without preaching is an annoyance to all other denominations but our own. It is no advantage to our church that I assist Brother Davis in pastoral labor, and if we fail to build, as I have promised, this fall, it will damage us beyond recovery. I was led to think that the building was to come right along, and so I have represented. If we build now we shall succeed -- if not, I must leave at once.

Yours as ever,

H. P. Peck.

New York, 41 Bay St.,  
Nov. 27, 1882.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Brother:

I regret not seeing you when you called last. Enclosed please find fifty-five dollars per check; the joint contribution of Frank and Will in aid of your Missionary Fund.

Frank's engagement of marriage has just been announced. It is one in every way gratifying to us. The young lady is well

connected in the line of the covenant of engaging manners, very pretty, intelligent, pious, and simple in her tastes. Thus Providence crowns our days with loving kindness, and tender mercies. May he give us grace to receive them aright.

Our business prospects were never more favorable yet I trust that they may become more and more so and that therefore I may receive grace to act as a faithful steward of his gifts.

Let me close by assuring you of my daily prayers in your behalf.

Yours truly,  
Wm. R. Jewsey.

Kansas City, Missouri, December 25, 1859.

Dear brother Jackson:

I have yours in connection with that of Dr. Patterson respecting his son. That is the true to care for his son. The way church at Paola is now destitute of a pastor, but I have will soon have one as Rev. Jno. S. Beckman of First Grove, Illinois, proposed to locate there. I have sent your letter to Rev. H. Vroom of La Cygne, who is in frequent communication with Beckman and he will see that his attention is called to the young man.

I received a letter from a young gentleman in Allegheny Seminary recently stating that he had directed me to be for a field for himself and his associates in Kansas. I am obliged to you for it. I can give them all work in this region.

With best wishes I am  
Your brother in Christ,  
T. Hill.

Cheyenne, Wyoming, November 24, 1859.

My Dear Brother Jackson:

Your letter of the 10th is before me. As you mention the propriety of immediately securing a companion for my wife and as I am "set off" to the "Great West" (Colorado) (I also infer you are a member of the Board of Domestic Missions (application to yourself) I therefore apply to you for a commission from the Board of Domestic Missions, dated from October 15th, 1859, and for three months - to January 15th, 1860. I should much prefer to have my wife with me, but she is not happy at home, and mourns my long absence. She is very pleased with the idea of her removal west and will be glad to meet me. I have about \$200 left - \$75 for my personal expenses here, and \$22 per week for our board and travel, and the venture. You remember \$200 of which I would receive one quarter's salary from the Board is already sent to you. I see no other way for the present than to wait, and for the sake to let patience work to perfection. I should be much more contented were my wife with me, but she is not

at this hotel would be \$100 per month, which cannot be thought of for a moment. I think then that if Lincoln can be secured by the 15th of January and sufficient salary promised to defray the expense, that I had better defer sending for Mrs. Peck until that time. By this plan we can save the railroad fare from Omaha and return (\$77. for my wife) and also the additional expense of living, for I think that board for myself and wife with furnished room can be secured for from \$15 to \$18 per week, at Lincoln. Pardon me this lengthy letter. I wish to present the whole case and the severe trial placed upon my wife in this separation. I am willing to do my duty, and wish your advice. I trust that I am willing to follow the leadings of Providence, and so is my wife---but if consistent, with high and holy responsibility we desire to be together in the work. Should any plan present itself to your judgment combining both our union and the work of the church, please let me know at once. If not, then I shall labor in whatsoever state I am therewith to be content.

The Church building is not here as yet. The foundation has been ready for three weeks. It cost \$361. We sent a telegram order and a written order to Mr. bridges nearly a month ago. He replied over two weeks since that it would be attended to at once. Since then we have heard nothing. We have no snow-weather--warm and beautiful. A month to come and it will be too late. Hurry up the building or it is useless for me to remain here.

Yours in Christ,  
H. P. peck.

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Los Angeles, California, November 24, '69.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Brother Cleland has no doubt told you the reasons that induced me to start immediately West instead of remaining in Council Bluffs as suggested. So I will say nothing more of that and pass to a more important subject.

On my way over and after my arrival in California I collated all information possible in reference to Truckee (which is not in Nevada but in California), and all the other mining towns in Nevada and California, and arrived at the following conclusions.

1. For me to labor in that work with my family in their health and circumstances would imperatively demand that I locate them down in some of the California valleys, and go alone into my work, only occasionally visiting them as circumstances would permit.

2. That all such places and particularly Truckee, were very unstable and unreliable in population, importance, &c. Truckee is a busy place now, but there is no confidence felt in its permanence. On the contrary even its citizens believe it will fade away with its disappearing forests.

3. That the only way to accomplish anything in that work-- and they of course must have the Gospel -- is by a system of itineracy by young men, or those so circumstanced as to go comfor-

tably into it.

These views were strongly urged by brethren, including our District Missionary. Upon this coast, and this place from which I now write, was so urgently presented as to induce me to visit it, while waiting to hear from Dr. Kendall and yourself, and accordingly what I now write, very hastily, is from the very ground itself.

Los Angeles is a city of about 15,000 souls, perhaps half Catholic, is an old Spanish town, but in the past two years becoming rapidly Americanized. It is in one of the richest portions of the State with a salubrious climate, and attracting a rapidly increasing and permanent immigration. It is the key to this whole southern part of California, in which we have not a single Presbyterian Minister. We have about 20 or 30 (perhaps more) sound Presbyterians here, some of whom are among the best families of the place. We have already lost some of our material who have gone into an Episcopal or Congregational church here, and the neglect of the field any longer would jeopardize the whole thing. It requires peculiar management as a large portion of our people here are from the South. I found in Wilmington (the seaport of this place) where I preached and visited on a passenger a number of strong and influential Presbyterians ready for organization--and this could be commanded from this place where I now write. Indeed somebody must go on with this thing now or we will lose control of one of the richest and most delightful portions of all our fair land. The brethren on this coast were impressed with a sense of my adaptation, for the work from my southern birth and familiar acquaintance with southern character, &c., &c. My own judgment and taste are in the same direction and I have written by this same mail to Dr. Kendall requesting a transfer of my commission to this field. If you concur in these facts, please aid me in the matter and in all ways you can --- and I will communicate with you regularly from this interesting field, which will really be the Southern half of this State. It will be an expensive work the first year, but those interested here assure me that with a congregation built up and idea of the permanence of the work instilled, it will be self-sustaining in one year. I have come down in faith that your judgment will approve the measure, and that the Master will sustain the work. I need immediately about \$400 or \$500 to start housekeeping (as a measure of eventual economy to the church) as I have to buy a house and ground, or board at a hotel. Do you think the Board would advance it?

Let me hear from you immediately and I will write again. I do not make any formal arrangement yet, waiting to hear from you.

Affectionately yours in Christ,  
W. C. Harding.

I was very grateful for that \$100 you sent me -- may the Lord bless you.

Brooklyn, New York, November 29, 1869.

Dear brother Jackson:

Now 13d December and could get no further, cant write when weary; must not and much time is taken in trying to improve my health. Within a few days my cough is leaving me, but without care would soon return. I was too stupid when you were here to ask questions. Does the Board prevent, as it attempted to do before, your aiding needy ministers? What were you trying to raise money for, is it to build Parsonages with the Churches? Does your wife like Council Bluffs as a residence? How can I give my mite to the best advantage in your Mission? I can send it soon as you let me know how it will be appropriated. I am, and have been deeply interested for our coloured People - want to give them all I ought; there is a great work to do for them. Do you get the American Missionary? I could send it you.

Please write me what you do, when you can, and to show it to Mrs. Trask. Did I tell you her Marquand gave Mr. Martin \$1000 after hearing him in our church lecture upon our continent with his large map. Mr. Martin's statements made us open our eyes, to say the least. We have very little conception of our country's magnitude and latent power. We live in a day of wonders too.

I feel that the Ecumenical Council (so-called) will develop more light and good for Christ's cause than evil. I am weary and must stop.

Kindest love to Mrs. Jackson from us -- speak of children if you write.

Truly  
S. M. P. Merrill.

Rochester, Minnesota, November 29, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

We have been vainly endeavoring for some time to solve the problem of paying or taking care of our Church debt. It would seem desirable to fund it in some form at as low a rate of interest as possible. As a church we are now poor -- many of our members who now find it difficult to raise \$20 per annum will 5 years from now as easily raise \$100 -- but it is not necessary to inform you as to our condition, to proceed to business. Can you not find some benevolent old gentleman in the East who would loan us the necessary funds to cancel our existing indebtedness, he taking a mortgage on the church as security? I fancy I see you shaking your head at the proposition, but I see no other way out. We are owing your sister some \$2,500 -- we owe you on the parsonage and on unpaid salary and I don't see how we are to pay either at present as it is about all we can do to pay our pastor and as he has quite a family and we must be near it promptly.

Mr. Cook is now at home. I have laid the matter before him.

and it meets his approbation.

Please give this matter attention and reply at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,  
T. H. Titus.  
Cashier First National Bank.

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Corning, Iowa, November 29, 1869.

Rev. S. Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

I received your kind note this day and have met Rev. W. G. Seeley of Red Oak Junction (the only Presbyterian Minister who has visited us. He has preached for us three Sabbaths. Is not permanently located here, but I believe is well liked by the people.

We ought to be doing something more than we are. The town is growing ahead of the church.

We ought to have a Jackson here for a while.

Truly your servant,  
M. P. Pettin,  
Corning, Iowa.

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Chicago, Illinois, November 29, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Your esteemed favor of the 27th instant is this day received. Went to C. B. O. Railway Depot as per your letter from New York, did not see you.

We have received no information of the arrival of the Rawlings Church -- as soon as we do will send men to put up -- everything has gone, seats, etc.

Please send passes for four or six men from Chicago to Rawlings. The Cheyenne Church is so that it can be shipped any time, but you stated that you wanted the same men to come back from Rawlings to put it up.

How about drafts, for Cheyenne Church: Can you send any, money is close here.

Respectfully yours,  
Lyman Bridges.

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Columbus, Nebraska, November 30, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother: I cannot hope you will come immediately up



to Grand Island but we need you there very much. I am sure that God's Spirit is moving upon the hearts of the people there. I would like to continue preaching after next Sabbath every night during this or next week. Could you not come sometime and spend a Sabbath with us there? The quarterly meeting of the M. E. Church will be held here next Sabbath week, December 12th. I will stay two or three weeks at Grand Island. Our prospect at Columbus is encouraging, but Satan has his seat here and all seem far from God and duty.

I will go to Grand Island next Thursday. May I hope to hear from you there?

Your brother in our sweet Lord Jesus,  
Joseph M. Wilson,  
Grand Island.

Red Oak Junction, Iowa, November 30, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

I have just returned from Corning. Mr. Frank tells me he has written you. So I need not tell the news. Mr. Potwin was out at Church for the first time last Sabbath evening -- has secured a letter from you which he proposes to answer. I was at Quincy Saturday; called at Mr. Vance's, on the ladies Ravson, and on Mr. Barrons, the Congregational Minister.

They are trying hard to get a foothold at Corning; are trying to make it appear that we are not organized -- say that the elder we elected is yet a member of a Congregational Church in New York, &c., &c. It is important that we complete the organization by ordaining and installing elder and stand in readiness to receive others. Only one of our elders is installed in Red Oak. I am not yet a member of Presbytery and am not authorized to act. I am very anxious to have these things attended to at once, and write to ask if it would not be practicable to call a meeting of Presbytery and receive me that I may have full powers and act by authority. All our interests demand it here. Can not the minutes be brought together in Council Bluffs or elsewhere without a great deal of inconvenience or expense?

Almost any time will please me which will give me time to return to my appointments. I do not know who is the Moderator or Stated Clerk and so write to you.

Mrs. Sheeley unites in sending kind regards.  
V. G. Sheeley.

Kansas City, Missouri, December 1, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Your note of November 26th is at hand, as also the note since with the note from Dr. Patterson of Kansas. Also I received one recently from Mr. Ballman of Allegheny suggested by you. For all these I thank you. In reply to the last I can say just now I have no point pressing for a supply. I shall, in a few days know much more about certain fields in Kansas and I think shall need several men, the field is wide and promising and I hope to do something towards supplying it. If you will direct some of those applicants as to I shall probably be able in a short time to make good use of them. At any rate I shall be glad to know of them.

I have assumed a certain care of watching over the Home S. Churches in Kansas by correspondence with the preachers and other ways and shall continue to do so until some other arrangement is made for their supply.

I shall be glad to hear from you always and trust of your success.

Yours fraternally,  
T. Hill.

Brooklyn, New York, December 2, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Received your letter on the 30th November but was unfortunately prevented from getting the check until late morning. We feel very sorry to hear of your want of success while West. Please find enclosed a certified check for \$200 paid to your order. With best wishes for yourself and finally for all you represent,

I am yours truly,  
John Willard.

Algona, Illinois, December 3, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I received your very kind note last evening - very glad to hear from you indeed, and should have written to you before this. But hardly knew where to find you. Should like to have seen you before leaving Nebraska but did not get your return time. According to your request I visited some of the people very much discouraged; and if they had not been so I would have disorganized. The Congregationalists are making arrangements for caring for them. It seemed providential to

that we moved when we did or to all human appearances our cause would have been lost in all this region--we have lost many important families as it is. But still we have a few faithful left. And if a faithful and devoted missionary can be kept on the ground we have reason to believe that by the blessing of God attending his labors there may be at no distant day some three churches in this town and the adjacent country. This may appear to some absurd but it is an object that we had just reason to hope for. Algona is destined to be quite a place at no distant day; and there is quite a friendly feeling towards us, even among the other denominations. With the exception of a good old Congregational brother treats us rather cool at times.

Now dear Brother, I almost wish you for a moment to think that I am holding myself up as the proper one for this field. It was no field of my own seeking, as you well know, but the people and the Presbytery seemed determined that I should remain. The people are doing their utmost apparently more than they are able to do to support me. Brother Mason felt sure that the Board would grant \$400, but they cut it down \$50. This is very discouraging -- if I could live without aid I would be the last one to ask for it; but it is very expensive here and it will be impossible for me to live after practising the strictest economy. On less than \$500. All the places I can get a board in at a hotel and do my studying over the bar-room. Every corner in the place is filled with people, but I have not time to write more at present. It is hard to write in a crowded bar-room, and afterwards tell what you are writing.

It rejoices my heart to be assured that you are still caring for me with the many others that you have sent out. May the Master's richest blessings rest upon your self-denying labors in behalf of the many that are perishing for the preached word.

Articles of clothing would be very acceptable of almost any description that would be convenient for any one to send. As I have worn the clothing that I had pretty well - the fact that I run rather short of means and I am opposed to going in debt in a new place as long as I can help it. And our good people here are entirely destitute of money, and perhaps will be the poorer winter.

You wish me to give some description of myself. My height is about 5 feet 10 inches, weight from 175 to 180, width across the shoulders 21 inches, length of arms 25 inches, around the waist 41 inches; size of collar 15 1/5 inches. I make no selection but will always be thankful for favors of any kind. I leave the matter of clothing to your discretion. I am a poor hand to beg for favors--would suffer before I would. By the blessing of God I will remain on the field as long as I can. I hope I shall ever have an interest in your prayers. I shall be glad to hear from you at any time.

From your Brother in Christ,  
J. M. McDonald.

New York, 30 Vesey Str., December 2, '69.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I have yours inclosing the Algona, McDonald paper.

I had been working at Algona on the Map not an hour before your letter came in. It is unquestionably an important point. It ought not to be lost. We have a man at Plymouth, Cherokee and Storm Lake. We ought to hold Algona. But what can we do? I cannot interfere with Dr. Musgrave -- I cannot supplement his work. It will hardly do for us to come in after him and take up the man he has offered, but \$350 and offer him \$600. If we would do that we might have all his men on our hands. I do not know what to do. You had better confer with Carroll and Campbell. Perhaps you can devise some method of saving it. If the Railroad from Des Moines is done to Fort Dodge, Brother Campbell could work it most easily. But, still it is Old School in an O. S. Presbytery and we ought to keep hands off. But you may see what you can do. Perhaps you will need the letter to use, so I enclose it.

Yours truly,  
H. Kendall.

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240 Madison Avenue, New York, Dec. 4, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

My dear Sir:

I was sorry not to see you again before you left the city. I delivered the manuscript to Messrs. Sheldon. I received your note dated on Thanksgiving day at Brooklyn, and regret sincerely to learn of your embarrassment. At present I cannot conveniently contribute to your relief, my benevolent fund being mostly appropriated for some weeks to come. I will keep the case in mind and hope that your faith may be encouraged and strengthened. I consulted with Dr. Murray, and he in turn spoke to Dr. Hall, in reference to your case. Neither of them, however, felt at liberty to attempt anything in your behalf. If you have not written to other friends here, I would suggest your doing so, or I will speak to some of the brethren myself by and by.

Wishing you much success in your self-denying labors, I remain,

Yours sincerely,  
H. K. Corning.

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Chicago, Ill., December 4, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Rev. & Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 2d instant is this day received. This is the first day that any intimation has been received from Mr. Wilson at Rawlings that the church had arrived. I have written him that the men would start without delay for Rawlings to put up church -- hope that some other help there can be obtained, and that quick work will be made.

The Cheyenne Church can be in Cheyenne by the time the Rawlings Church is done.

You will recollect that you were to give me some Chicago Presbyterian Brother's paper if any time was asked and when I last saw you you told me that you should have all the money for first cost of churches ordered by December 1, 1869, and probably by November 15, 1869.

I have invested over \$5000 in this enterprise and am co-operating with you heartily with a view of putting up two or more times the seven already mentioned. It is better both for you and me that these matters be arranged with a perfect and thorough business arrangement.

The very contingency mentioned by you about the Cheyenne people all moving away before the church reaches you is probably overdrawn, but you can easily obtain a hundred solid men here to guarantee me paid on each of these seven churches, or the Cheyenne church alone.

I will purchase tickets for two men on Monday and send them on Tuesday to Rawlings, charging amount to you. After the Cheyenne Church goes will send two men more.

Do I understand that when the Rawlings church is up you will get \$1400, and when the Cheyenne Church is up you will get \$1500 to \$1600 more? Please write me fully and anything I can do to make your Mission a success I assure you that it will be done. I am kept out of \$2500 now by an Iowa Building for public purposes, due me more than one year now, and unless I can obtain some notes that are bankable and will be paid when due, (I do not doubt yours) I cannot see your part complied with. You mentioned January 1870 as the limit you wanted time now 60 1st days is all our banks will allow us--cannot you obtain 60 Day notes from some subscribers of Cheyenne?

I am very respectfully  
Your obedient servant,  
Lyman Bridges.

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Fontenelle, Nebraska, December 5, 1869.

Rev. S. Jackson,  
Dear brother:

I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know how church matters stand in Bell Creek church and region adjoining. We had expected to have had our church building completed ere this, but not a stroke has yet been done, and for this

reason: We have ~~been~~ subscribed (or very nearly) to build it including the \$300 from the Board. But on receiving the certificate granting the money, and reading the conditions on which it could be had, we found we could not comply with that part which requires warranty deed for the ground. The land here is all either Rail Road or Homestead. There is some land for which a title could be given but it is not at all central. I am living on Rail Road land and was going to give the lot for that church. There would be no risk to run in putting it on it, as I have \$500 or so improvements on it and of course feel some interest in securing it. We are very much disappointed at not getting it built this fall. May lose some subscriptions, and the Methodists will likely be ahead of us in building, which will be a drawback to us. The land will likely soon be in market but if we do not get it built before spring work begins, we won't get it done till fall. Wish some arrangements could be made so we could get the money from the Board--but suppose they have their rules that they must go by.

Dear Brother, could you not arrange it so we could have preaching occasionally? Our silent Sabbaths are far too numerous for our spiritual good. The people are getting careless and will soon be indifferent, and the love of God's people waxen cold and souls are perishing for lack of knowledge, or the way of life being pointed out to them. It seems too bad to organize churches and let them go down for want of ministers. If this field is not occupied by our church, the Methodists will. The country is improving; a Railroad is likely to be built soon through here -- will likely a rush of immigration when the Railroad land comes in market. A minister is much needed. Please let us hear from you soon.

Yours in Christian love,  
J. K. Adams.

Elizabeth, New Jersey, December 6, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
My dear Brother.

I spoke to our ladies of the propriety of paying Mr. Hamilton's expenses to the field of his labor, but they did not feel inclined to attempt it. They are now waiting for two persons to raise them something worth having. Then Mr. Hamilton has a brother-in-law and relatives who are amply able to pay his expenses to the West without feeling it.

If any church in this town should take up Brother Hamilton it should be the first, where he was brought up and where his friends attend.

The money came in after you left. Some may have given Brother Hamilton something direct or without my knowledge. I was sorry not to see you the last time you were at our home.

Our ladies have taken great fancy to our good Brother Frothingham. They are preparing some little things for him and his wife that are not usually given our missionaries. I encourage them with all my heart in all they do.

My wife joins me in sending kind regards.

Fraternally yours,  
W. C. Roberts.

Palmyra, Iowa, December 7, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Brother:

You were kind enough when at the Des Moines Presbytery to request the Missionaries belonging to Presbytery to send you a description of their families and you would send a box of clothing to their address. We have a large family and a small salary, and we need all the aid we can get. We did not receive as much aid from the Board as the Presbytery asked for and as we expected, which makes wants so much the greater. If you can aid us in this way we will ever remember your kindness and the kindness of those friends who may furnish the box. Anything which may be useful in a family such as you see ours to be from the description given below will be thankfully received.

My address is Palmyra, Warren County, Iowa, and the box can be sent to Des Moines, which is 16 miles from here.

Please write as soon as convenient and let me know if you can aid us in this way.

Your Brother in Christ,  
David Craig,

P.S. If you can send me the New York Observer or any other Church paper except the Presbyterian and the Banner, (I mean a second handed paper) you will do me a great kindness.

Allegheny City, Penna., December 8, 1869.

Mr. Sheeley:  
Dear Sir:

I see in to-day's Banner your name and address and I thought I would write to you concerning the western field. How do you like it? What are the prospects in Iowa? Do you know anything of the field farther west? Do you know of a situation any where in the West where I could labor this summer? I will be licensed about the middle of April. I would like to get to supply a church or several of them during the summer. Or if I could get a place to preach and teach both it would suit me. I have always had a notion of the West and would like to make

trial of it this summer. Will you write to me and give me your experience and what you have concerning the work.

I am enjoying good health and getting on my feet. I taught in Leechburg last summer.

Folks are generally well about here. Nothing has transpired. Give my regards to Mrs. Jackson. Yours very truly,

J. H. ...

P. S. - Most of the Senior class has gone to various parts of the west this morning.

Grand Island, Iowa, Sept. 11, 1890.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I forgot to tell you when I saw you that ... written me for a location. He had determined to leave in the spring--might sooner--said he would authorize ... him to some field, which would compel his people to ... they would do for his support or not. ... now. He was expecting a commission from the Board.

If you have the "Atlantic" I gave you please mail it. I forgot this morning -- Wilson says he wants you to ... him to organize a church in the Hamora, ...

I hope you will not feel discouraged at the result of our mission to New York. Remember, brother, we only ... I know you are disappointed, that you feel this was ... probably. But if we need a church which ... we will have it as soon as the money market becomes ... something will develop itself. We have but to do ... present.

Brother Wilson requests you to send ... mail a package of tracts--mail, not express. Send in package of not over 4 pounds.

Your brother,  
John H. ...

Victor, New York, December 11, 1890.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

Dear Sir:

Observing that ... you was in New York ... ary Society and seeking aid to establish churches west, I ... felt a desire to donate ... for a special call to our church, and therefore enclosed ... lars (\$10) to be applied for such purpose, with the hope ...



safe carriage and that you may be greatly blessed and prospered in your labor of love for the Master. Expecting shortly to be in Rochester you will oblige me, when acknowledging the receipt of this by addressing me there.

Yours very truly,  
Mrs. E. S. Lewis.

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Chicago, Ill., December 11, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Your Church for Cheyenne is now ready for shipment as per your original agreement and I am waiting for you to come to Chicago to see about it. Please come by next train as I am anxious to get the Church off. I am,

Very respectfully,  
Lyman Bridges.  
Stevens.

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Chicago, Ill., December 12, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Care of W. F. Thompson,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory.

Rev. & Dear Sir:

The balance of the Rawlings account will be very acceptable.

The Cheyenne Church is now being marked for shipment.

If you have that first payment for Cheyenne Church and the balance for Rawlings Church, please have it under way for us as it will be very acceptable.

Respectfully yours,  
Lyman Bridges.

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Fremont, Iowa, December 13, 1869.

Dear Brother:

I learn that a Congregational Church was organized at Schuyler Sabbath. The Presbyterian Nova Scotia Settlement have their preacher and preaching at the Railroad Station, Schuyler. Have rented a hall -- Have but few families now; expect a large addition in the spring, from Nova Scotia and intend to connect with our Presbytery. A good preacher, no foreign accent -- Perhaps you might obtain his services for Columbus.

Brother Taylor is trying to secure a man for Columbus - Congregational. These are the facts as I gather them on the cars.

Could not Cleland visit Columbus if brother Carroll or you can not. He would have more influence than I can with the outsiders inducing the Congregationalists and Presbyterians to connect as they talk of doing.

Your brother,

John L. Sage.

10 members at Grand Island--Installed elder for 3 weeks. I may be engaged next week at Blair -- Wilson is at Grand Island this week.

Nebraska City, Mo., December 15, 1866.

To Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

I have now been here since first I left on 2nd of July a week ago. Yesterday week I preached to this people, as it was supposed I would when we parted, and we had good congregations morning and evening. Yesterday also I preached morning and evening and there is an appointment out for next Sabbath and it is proposed to celebrate the communion, which implies a course of services previously to Sabbath. I was induced to stop here for two reasons: - one was the very kind offer Brother McAnn made me of having a home in his family during the winter, and the other was that I thought I saw an opening for serving the cause of Presbyterianism which I supposed needed immediate improvement. I may have been mistaken, but perhaps the sequel will tell. It would suit my circumstances and my feelings to be settled over this people, and I believe that with the blessing of God and the cooperation of the people my labors could be for the good of the cause of Christ. But I do not see my way clear to go before them as a candidate for the pulpit with the ideas that generally prevail upon that subject. And as my circumstances are necessitous in the extreme I hope I may be able to connect myself with Presbytery as soon as possible and begin to labor in some of the destitute places under the patronage of the Board. Here is an open field and an undisciplined field; and the better would it be to enter such a field, depending upon a Father, rich in mercy and with unbounding resources, for a support rather than to enter a union where there is so often a contest, on the part of the people on the one hand, to obtain the gospel as cheaply as possible and on that of the minister on the other to worry out as large a reluctant support as the circumstances will admit. I have no idea that a union with this people would be of such a nature. I believe them to be a noble and a generous body of working Christians as much so as any I have ever met. But I speak with reference to pulpit hunting in general.

If there has been a meeting of Presbytery called please let me know when and where it will take place. And may I have your prayers, my dear Brother, that wherever I may be called the blessing of God may attend my labors.

Remember me very kindly to your dear family and also to  
Brother Cleland and family.

Your Brother in Christ,  
W. E. Hamilton.

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Adel, Iowa, December 14, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson:

The enclosed papers came while I was away from home, consequently have had to wait.

Can not Brother McDonald go to Algona and hold on until May on the Amount of salary and commission--it only lacks \$50 of the amount applied for. Perhaps the churches of Port Dodge Presbytery can take up the thing and give collections to make up that \$50. Soon as the boards consolidate I have no doubt a salary of \$800 will be given to the men at that point.

Perhaps you can put your hand into some rich man's pocket whose acquaintance you have made and draw out the needed amount. The worst wish I have for Dr. Musgrave is that he may never have to preach the gospel and keep a wife and family in Iowa on \$550.

Kendall knows it cant be done, but his position is a very delicate one just now.

I wish Brother McDonald could live 6 months without eating just to bridge over the interregnum.

What can we do for him? Is there no other place within 30 miles to connect with Algona and raise a few dollars?

Are you acquainted in that region?

If it is necessary, I will try and go up there, but as Kendall says, we must keep hands off a little longer unless men are going to starve to death or worse.

Brother Garr old writes me in regard to Afton. I dont think that church ought to come to our house for a salary at this late day. It ought to be a strong church and able to live six months on half a loaf, if that is all Dr. Musgrave can give it.

Let us not run the churches or the men across the line so long as there are any lines remaining where it is not necessary. It looks like making the dollars and cents too prominent; but let us all hereafter insist that every man have a living support honestly judged by our committees of Presbytery. No more cutting down applications. It is horrible.

Yours &c.

Wm. Campbell.

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Chicago, Ill., December 15, 1869.

Rev. S. Jackson,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

I shall be at home on the 24th instant and should be

pleased to see you in Chicago, and trust you can arrange every thing to the satisfaction of both parties.

Very respectfully,  
 Lyman Bridges,  
 Stevens.

Chicago, Ill., December 15, 1869.

Rev. Shelton Jackson,  
 Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

I have at Mr. Bridges' request sent out two men last week to Rawlins to put up the church there. We tried to inform me how they are to be paid and what arrangements have been made for that purpose. Mr. Bridges is not at home this week. A reply by return mail will suffice.

Yours respectfully,

John McLean,  
 243 North Wells Street.

Slaney, Fremont County, Iowa,  
 December 17, 1869.

Brother Jackson,

I write to you to know whether you could give me some assistance during the week of prayer, and be with me over the 2d Sabbath (19th) of January. I presume the services will be union, in part at least. I would like to have you here, if it is possible for you to come--to be here as early as Thursday the 6th, and continue or remain till the next Monday, or longer, if it would be deemed advisable to continue the meetings. Please let me hear from you soon. We wish to have the sacrament administered on the 2d Sabbath, and unless I can have you with me I can not have it done.

The people of Slaney will be much pleased to have you here. I will preach next Sabbath evening at Hamburg. I told Brother Cleland that I had written session of Nebraska City, giving them the name of a student in Allegheny Seminary. I do not know whether they will write to the Professors, as I requested them to do, to learn whether they would recommend him.

If he should not be invited to Nebraska City, I am exceedingly anxious that he would come to some one of our new towns--I think he might come to Hamburg. He wants to come west if duty calls. His father asked me if we had any fields in our Presbytery young and promising. Hamburg is bound to be a good point.

Let me know whether any arrangements are being made to supply Hamburg and if there is not, I would like to correspond with

my cousin, for he is my cousin, in reference to Hamburg, if Nebraska City will not invite him.

I returned on Wednesday evening from Clarinda. I was preaching for Brother Westcott. Had pleasant meetings--weather was unfavorable.

I found in coming over the praries on my return that the wind sweeps over there pretty violently. I thought that an extra overcoat would be a nice thing. I do not feel, however, that I could very well afford to get what might be termed a great coat. I have been incurring expenses in getting fixed up here. Could you suggest any plan by which I could get one? I believe you asked the brethren at Presbytery to give their names if they wished their wardrobe replenished. I have to travel on horseback. Let me hear from you on this point. I must also have a good rubber coat for wet weather; the great coat and rubber coat are necessary to equip me.

We put our church building under contract this evening. May God smile propitiously on the enterprise. In haste

Your Brother in Christ,  
M. C. Wilson.

P.S. Is Brother John Elliott any place in our Presbytery? Brother Cleland pleased our people very much last Sabbath. I hope the good seed may be watered and much fruit result.

Freeport, Illinois, December 17, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

My dear Brother:

Yours of 15th received; also a former letter respecting Glenwood, &c.

I would have been down in Council Bluffs this week had circumstances favored. The first of this week I determined to report to you in person to day, but have been prevented.

My brother is exceedingly anxious to have me spend the holidays here and I have agreed to do so.

I will be in Council Bluffs the 2nd week in January, D.V., in time to reach Sioux City upon Sabbath 9th. This will be the 2nd Sabbath. I would feel more comfortable in visiting Sioux City if I had an invitation directly from the session. I will go prepared to remain as many Sabbaths as they may desire for trial.

As to their opening a correspondence with me, you can do as you think best.

I cannot sufficiently thank you for your very great kindness to me.

Kindest regards to Mrs. Jackson and the dear children.

Your Brother in Christ,  
J. Elliott.

Freeport, Illinois, December 18, 1866.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I wrote to you last night that I could visit Sioux City the 2nd Sabbath in January.

I now write to say I will be there the 1st Sabbath of January, D. V.

I miscalculated respecting the Sabbaths yet remaining in this month.

Hoping you will get this letter in time to correct the other, I remain

Your Brother in Christ,  
J. Ellicott.

Nebraska City, Neb., December 20, 1866.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I closed last night my labours here and start for St. Joseph in the morning, D. V. I should have probably have continued here during the winter but for the expected visit of Brother Painter next Sabbath, and perhaps for longer time. This was anticipated when I arrived here and I was expected that I would be here at least the month, but news came on Sunday morning that he would be here this week. I go to St. Joseph to see my clerk and Mr. Hogland, and for a little recreation as I have not been out of the pulpit but three Sabbaths this year, standing all my travels and sickness. I have preached here eight times and admitted three members to profession and held communion. The meetings yesterday were very solemn and especially last night and it made me anxious to continue at least another Sabbath, but the Lord's will be done.

I send you my credentials and I hope you will have me commissioned as soon as possible as I am so desirous to be able to do something for my family. Send me word also, if you please, when to commence my labours. I am willing to commence immediately if it be the will of providence and you can address me at St. Joseph, Missouri. I would not take the time to go there but I feel so anxious to see a familiar face and hold sweet counsel with some old friends.

I presume it will make no difference that my letter is directed to the Presbytery of Elizabeth. Suffice it to say it was never offered there.

Dr. Boardman's note explains itself. The matter will be one of some little disappointment but let it pass and if I am early commissioned I can draw upon some friends in anticipation of my first quarterly installment.

My kind regards to your dear family and Brother Ellicott.

Yours in the gospel,

Wm. F. Hamilton.

Since writing the above I have thought I would like to visit Bell Creek as it is a place which if vacant I suppose I would incur no opposition in seeking. Therefore advise me upon that point and do not write me as above directed, but to this place. I think I will return by Friday.

W. M. Hamilton.

Tuesday morning- It is snowing and I shall not get away, and may be not at all.

Colo. Wm., Nebraska, December 20, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

I have received your kind letter of encouragement for which I thank you much, but I do want some help here. I don't need any better preacher than Gage, but I don't want to impose on him. Brother G. M. Taylor told me yesterday that a rich Mr. Barnes was trying to build a church in his neighborhood on Union Creek on the road to Elkhorn. Mr. Taylor offered to take me up there soon. It is 30 miles north. The rich men of Grand Island wish me to say to you that they will insure the completion of our church there. They say if the lumber comes it shall be built. The purport of this is that you would risk nothing in giving your personal note for the lumber. The building will be finished in 60 days after the lumber arrives. It can much better be built now than in the spring.

We will elect our trustees on New Years Day. I wish I might then be able to tell them that the lumber is on the way.

I am your to command in Christ's Service,

Jas. M. Wilson.

Sidney, Fremont Co., Iowa, Dec. 21, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Your letter of the 20th to hand. Could you, providence permitting, be here on the 4th Sabbath of January? We only have the church on alternate Sabbaths. I wish to have a series of meetings and desire very much that you could be with me at least a few days and over the Sabbath. If you think you could come I would defer the meetings till the Friday before the 4th Sabbath of January. Please let me hear from you as to this proposition. Brother Westcott was with me in September. I would send for Brother Baird but he has been absent so much at the two General Assemblies. I think the way is fast preparing for our organization at Hamburg. Perhaps you could so arrange to organize at the latter part of January. I preached there on last Sabbath evening to quite a good audience-- will preach in two weeks again. I deem the field important, and will be pleased to see a good man on it as soon as can be arranged.

I went on last Saturday, as agent for the Trustees, 14 miles to see a man that owns a lot here that we wished to secure for a church lot. I succeeded in purchasing it. We now have the finest lot for a church in town. I think about needed two before just west in same block. They will be nice for a parsonage. If we could interest some good lady in the case to build us a parsonage it would be nice.

As to overcoat, etc. How do you get them through the Board of Domestic Missions? I find I will need one. I rode 24 miles last Sabbath. I could send my measure as required to be taken by Wannamaker -- I have his instructions.

The Board of Domestic Missions only commissioned me for \$300. Presbytery recommended \$400.

You can write me further about overcoat. If it would always be calm I could get along without an extra overcoat, but that cannot be expected. I have never had the pleasure of meeting with Mrs. Jackson, or I would say remember me to her. I hope to enjoy that pleasure before many months.

Remember me to brother and Mrs. Ireland.

Your brother in Christ,  
W. C. Wilson.

Chicago, Ill. December 31, 1859.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa,

Dear Sir:

Your long and short letters received. Your desire that you will not endorse for any one or ask any one to do so for you is queer when you ask me to practically to endorse for the whole amount.

Now, I do not think that it will be the most difficult matter to get such endorsement as you require here, and as you will want thereversibleback seats which it will take time also to build, I will make you this proposition: If you will send me your note for \$2000, to be paid when building is enclosed, and for \$1000 when building is finished and ready for sittings and direct me to furnish sittings as above making one note for \$1000 in two months after completion of building and \$1000 note in three months after the building is furnished with sittings, making notes to the amount of \$5000 of which you have \$3000 now, I will try and see what influence can bring to bear here. Your not calling before December 1st instant as you expected has of course prevented as full cooperation as probably otherwise would have been. You can send said notes by express. Enclosed, please find some blanks filled out -- If I cannot use them for your contracts they will be promptly returned to you.

Please state in your letter that you have \$2000 ready when the building is up and that you will take care of the paper, and the importance of having this good close church built at once.



with the letter so that I can show it to several gentlemen. That the foundation is in, etc. now and that the church society are waiting impatiently etc. State also what other denominations have churches now--my recollection is that the Episcopalians, Congregationalists have churches now built.

I may possibly be in Council Bluffs on my way to Omaha soon. Please answer by return mail.

I am respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
Lyman Bridges.

Nebraska City, Neb. December 22, 1869.

My dear Brother Jackson:

I am a thousand times obliged to you for the spirit you manifest of candor and Christian feeling. I have sent to you my letter of dismissal and presume it has reached you before this time. I was just about writing you to make me an appointment for Corning next Lord's Day but it was suggested that it was now too late and I therefore concluded to go to St. Joseph as it would not be well for me to remain here after the work was done for which I was sent here of the Great Head of the Church.

You may send word that Providence permitting I will be at Corning next Lord's day week.

I am not going to St. Joseph to look a field of labor.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Wm. E. Hamilton.

14 Wall Street, New York, December 24,

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

My dear Sir:

Yours of 14th received, as well as the Bill Book which for which I am much obliged. I showed your letter to Mr. Hamilton last evening, he will have collection taken next week which you will hear from us.

Yours truly,  
Joseph D. Skidmore.

Sioux City, Iowa, December 22, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Reverend & Dear Sir:

Our church has been making an effort to call a pastor to supply the pulpit, as will be seen from the minutes of the meeting held last evening, a copy of which we inclose, requesting your action and cooperation.

We do not hesitate to say that \$            could and would be raised towards the support of the man of our choice, and we believe that through his instrumentality, and the Divine blessing, large accessions would soon be made to our church, and our best judgment would say that the prospect of becoming self-supporting in a comparatively short space of time is very flattering. We remain Sir,

Your obedient servants,  
James A. Sawyers,  
A. C. Sheetz,  
G. W. Felt.

45 Madison Str., Chicago, Ill., December 22,  
1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

Rev. Mr. Avery of Warren, Illinois, writes me that a man is wanted at Sioux City --- he having definitely declined going there. There is a gentleman at Lake Forest, Rev. George P. Folsom, with considerable knowledge of both the place and the man. I can with a good deal of confidence recommend to the people. He would probably visit them if desired. There is an excellent, capable, prudent, earnest, working brother here, just now waiting a call, Rev. E. R. Davis. He has been connected with the Young Men's Christian Association here, and with mission school work. I can not speak positively as to his preaching talent, beyond that it is entirely respectable, not brilliant, but sound and instructive. He has a brother in the land department U. P. R. R. at Omaha. He would go to Sioux City on invitation if his expenses were paid. (He has half fare to Omaha and back.)

I was lately at Denver, Cheyenne, &c., and am glad that you are accomplishing so much in that region. May God bless and prosper your work.

Yours truly,  
I. H. Trowbridge.

Mission House, 907 Arch St., Philadelphia,  
December 25, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear brother:

Your request contained in your letter of the 4th instant, that the Board would defray your traveling expenses in addition to your salary of \$1500 was brought to the attention of the Executive Committee and by them respectfully declined. We have no doubt that your traveling expenses have been very great as you have voluntarily traveled extensively outside of the field assigned to you, and in the prosecution of a work which the general Assembly has confided to another Board. The leaving of your field and occupying your time in raising funds in the City of New York for church buildings without the authority of the Board of Domestic Missions and without having even conferred with the Executive Committee previously, is disapproved of; and I have been instructed to request you hereafter to restrict your labors to the field and the work to which you were commissioned.

You say that the Rev. Mr. Wilson "has taken charge of Columbus and Grand Island on Pacific Railroad, Rev. John L. Sage has taken charge of the Fremont and Blair churches on the same road." We are not advised whether these brethren expect to receive aid from the Board or not - as yet, we have received no application for their appointment.

We have forwarded a commission to the Rev. W. F. Peck at Cheyenne and will pay him for three months labor from October 15th to January 15th, \$250.

We will endeavor to procure clothing for the brethren whose names you have recently sent us, but at this late period of the year it is difficult to succeed, as nearly all the churches have made their arrangements for the season. Please send us a list of the names of missionaries desiring clothing which you have furnished either to individuals or churches so that we may not give the same names to other churches and thus duplicate boxes.

You say that you hope the churches will enable the Board to send out a large number of missionaries next spring. We regret to say that from present appearances the Board will find it difficult to sustain the missionaries that are now in commission. When I made a comparison on Monday last, I found that our receipts as compared with the corresponding period of last year had fallen off more than twenty-eight thousand dollars, and unless the churches do better during the two remaining months of the fiscal year, the Board will be compelled to contract rather than expand its operations. In view of the present financial condition of the Board, the Committee have directed me to instruct you not to encourage expectations which cannot be realized; and especially not to commit the Board to any appointment or appropriation without previously consulting the Committee and obtaining their authorization.

Enclosed you will please find a check for the quarterly salary due January 1st, 1870. With kind regards,

Fraternally Yours, C. F. Masgrave.

Falls City, Richardson Co., Nebraska,  
December 23, 1869.

Dear Brother:

Your soul cheering epistle of 3rd instant duly received and contents noted. It afforded me much comfort in the midst of my discouragements and despondency. I not only read it but re-read it and to be candid I could not refrain from weeping -- went to my bed chamber and gave vent to my tears; and then and there resolved by the grace of God that I would comply with your request and would labor still more abundantly and pray often and prove God and see if he has not a blessing for this people in store.

I have been on the wing more or less almost every day since -- even last Tuesday traveled five or more miles facing the storm -- the most of the time with one eye froze shut. Wednesday traveled nearly 20 miles, found one good sheep of our division of the army --- staid all night; heard of another mother in Israel who is so diseased that she cannot attend church. To-day came back to headquarters to make preparations for Sabbath. On my return received your message of the 16th and you request an immediate reply. Now I write you: As to the amount that can be raised in Falls City church for the support of a minister, for the present year, I am not prepared to say, as I have had no instructions from you to mention money to this people. However, I have ventured to say to several of those who claim to be Presbyterians that they ought to pay the Board or pay me for the Board at least as much as my boarding will cost. The people are trying to get and improve homes for themselves and I feel pretty sure that in case they raise that amount in addition to \$2 per morning sermon for use of Hall and furnish fuel and light, it is as much as we can expect for the first six months. I should not take the people for any specified amount. I do not think it would be good policy to press money matters at this state of church affairs and I think I know something about human nature. I will, if I am so directed raise every dollar I can for the Board and remit to the Board every cent received from the people, but to carry about a subscription paper to make up any part of my salary I never have done it. God only knows how much can be raised on the field after the first six months. That will depend much on our success before that time.

We are expecting a fine and self-denying elder to come to our help from near Pittsburgh, Pa., again next spring. I have made my arrangements to remain till the spring meeting of Presbytery at least and have notified the Presbyterian and Banner to have my mail matter directed to this place. In Falls City there is but one church and that is claimed entirely by the M. M. Church, and they are very jealous of us. No other people can have the use of it, but at 3 o'clock P. M. -- Then the bell ringer has to be paid \$1.00 per day. At Salem there are but one Hall and four men to preach in it. However by preaching in the evening every four weeks we have preaching there every two weeks. I intend preaching more or less in every school house in the county where I can have the privilege.

I consider that I spent the last three Sabbaths in November

in this town although two of them were spent before I arrived in Richardson County. I look upon this undertaking as a struggle for life or death - of Presbyterianism in this rich and beautiful land. I have just returned from Rule where the railroad crosses the Missouri river into Richardson County. That point must be attended to carefully. I will confidentially say to you that when talking with brothers B and C about coming to this field to labour when at Synod and neither of them encouraged the enterprise; yet both of them seemed to consider this fine country. The difficulty for them to solve was how or where you were going to raise the \$300.

My great concern was to do the work that I had undertaken to perform, knowing that Brother Sheldon Jackson was a responsible Brother occupying a responsible position, and would have all things right. Would it not be well for you to make an earnest appeal to the Board on behalf of this County?

Shall I ascertain forthwith what our people here will raise for the Board for preaching till May, or would it not be better for you to come and spend a few days in a month or two from this time, and see the far-famed Richardson County, and present the matter before the people? Or, in case you prefer securing \$300 from the Board independent of anything the people may give me for my services till the first day of April 1870? - I shall be satisfied. I believe that you can secure that amount for that time much easier than \$300 for the year. Of course the latter might suit me the better; yet I do just as you think best. My business is to save souls. "He that winneth souls is wise." I have a great work to perform here in preparing the way for the organization of a living church where three sickly organizations have through negligence died.

Prospects are some brighter than when I wrote before. Please write often. I need your encouraging words and an interest in your importunate prayers. O that the Master would give me more faith that I may not weary in well doing.

Yours in Christ,

George McConnell Swann.

The mails are very irregular here -- several days sometimes apart.

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Columbus, Iowa, December 24, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear brother:

Please prepare and send to me a paper on which to receive the subscriptions to our church building. This is a good time to get subscriptions. I will expect you here on the second or fourth Sunday of January or second of February. I hope you will have three churches to organize when you come.

Your brother in Christ,  
J. M. Wilson.

Groveport, Ohio, December 25, 1869.

Rev. T. H. Cleland,  
Dear Brother:

Will you please give me all the information you can in reference to Lincoln, Nebraska?

I have for prudential reasons resigned my pastorate here, and am anxious to settle in the West. The obstacle which was in the way of my remaining in the West eighteen months ago is, I think, removed. I had then a great desire to go to Lincoln, and if the way be yet open - I may be ready to commence laboring there in January proximo. Had been thinking seriously of Hamburg previously to my noticing this hour that Lincoln is yet uncultivated. Please write me immediately.

Would write to Brother Jackson but he might not be able to reply directly.

Yours in Christ,  
John Creath.

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Los Angeles, California, December 24, '69.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Your favor received this morning. If my goods have arrived at your place, will you please have them reshipped immediately to care J. F. Roberts, San Francisco, Cal., as we have the most urgent need of them.

I am sorry I did not rightly understand the nature of that money. I reported my expenses to Dr. Kendall as \$200 less than they actually were; in dependence upon an amount which I thought you were so placed as to conveniently spare to the general church work -- still I may be able to rectify it, by writing to the Doctor.

I could write you much of interest from this point, but my wife is quite ill and I am nurse, cook, and preacher at the same time. So have no time just now. I am seriously alarmed about my wife.

Yours in Christ,  
W. C. Harding.

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Atlantic, Iowa, December 27, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I cannot tell you how grateful we were for the gift we received from you on Christmas morning. It made the day a much happier one than I expected it to be. It lifts a burden from my mind. We give you many heartfelt thanks.

I am encouraged in my work. Our Methodist brethren have given us permission to hold one service every Sabbath in their

church. I think this will be a great help -- much better than the Hall. I will preach somewhere else every Sabbath besides, perhaps at Grove City and in a neighborhood south five miles, where there is a United Presbyterian settlement and one Old School family.

I walked about fifteen miles to-day visiting families, and am tired this evening.

We will not need the bedstead this winter. Mrs. Morris allows us to use one of hers.

Yours gratefully,  
W. Hughes.

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New York, December 28, 1869.

Dear Brother:

Our Board yesterday agreed to give \$1500 for Cheyenne provided the Church can give the usual lien or first mortgage (only provisionary and to take effect when they cease to be a Presbyterian Church. I send you the necessary blanks. The money will be remitted when all the papers are made out.

I will publish your items and letter in the next paper -- too late for this.

The Evangelist will be sent to you free and we shall be glad always of items.

Yours fraternally,  
W. W. Ellinwood.

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Algona, December 28, 1869.

Brother Jackson:

Dear Sir:

Your note came to hand some days since and I take this moment to reply. I am doing all that is in my power for the field. There is a great deal of hard work to do here, and there is reason to hope that by the blessing of God we may at no distant day have a fine Presbyterian Church here, or perhaps three or four if a missionary can be sustained in the field. And I don't believe that any man can at all live at least respectably on less than \$800. and practice the strictest economy. I have not used a horse as yet, but will have to by and by. But I don't feel able either to buy or hire. As I was especially sent here by your request, dear Brother, I don't feel like letting go of you in these trying times. I have as yet heard nothing of any clothing; yet if I had a good supply of clothing I might perhaps get along some way till spring. But it is very expensive living here, and the people i.e. the members have subscribed I fear more than it will be possible to pay. But perhaps I am too much for looking at the dark side of the picture. I like the tone of Brother Campbell's letter and think just as he does; that there should be no crossing of lines while

there is any trains left. Should like to have a visit from him. But for that reason perhaps it would not be expedient at present. As it is in Brother J.D. Mason's field, and expects to visit me as soon as possible he professes to be a great friend of mine, being very intimate with my father. He is a good Presbyterian, but the plain truth is he is like too many of our good old School Brethren he moves to stand --and must go in the old beaten track. Brother Mc. promptly secured me the \$400 for which

I am very thankful; but it is a shame that our Branch cannot help out those missionaries through the winter. But as to the Presbytery of Fort Dodge, the truth is there is not much to it, i.e. they are all mission churches. I wish you could visit us here, and I think that you would feel as interested as I, by God's help we must hold these fertile prairies for Presbyterianism. No more at present. Let me hear from you often.

Your Brother in Christ,

J. Mc C. McDonald.

Tell Brother Campbell that I am very grateful to him for his sympathy and of the prospect of soon having him in charge.

Respt. McC.McD.

Adel, Iowa,

December 28, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Your note enclosing Dr. Musgrave's last manifesto is received. Since which I have painfully read the resolutions of the Domestic Board in regard to the Synod of Minnesota, Lyons and Mason, &c.

What folly now to be thus engaged in war. We need to pray for patience and charity towards those good brethren.

The last order is, for us to send on the applications of Gage, Wilson and M. Hughes, to our Committee who will forward these to the Domestic Board and if they (the Board) do the fair thing all right, if not, the Committee will stand between them and all harm. Let the applications for Wilson and Gage go on at once, each estimated on its own merits and needs, and I will send out one for Hughes from Des Moines Presbytery, since Atlantic is heretofore known as in our bounds.

Kendall suggests that those brethren remain their own presbyteries -- as they can do as much for them there as if they change by giving a little time.

Jones, the young man recently on from New York has gone into the south part of the State.-- Unionville.

Yours truly,

Wm. Campbell.



Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory,  
December 28, 1869.

Dear brother Jackson:

Yours was received. I am sorry that the church cannot be built before spring. Under the circumstances do you not think it better for me to go to Lincoln about the middle of next month? You may expect me the 15th of January. My wife will be in Council Bluffs about the 25th of January. In the mean time I propose to go to Lincoln and make all possible arrangements for our future settlement at that point. I have just received my commission from the Board of Domestic Missions with a kind note from Dr. Musgrave. Of course I am willing to be guided by your advice in my proposed removal to Lincoln and patiently await your instructions. I should be glad to hear from Mr. Kennedy in reply to my letter some time ago.

I have intimated to the people of Laramie, my departure from this region, and while they expressed their regret they hope and pray that you will send them a good and efficient man, who will keep up the interest already felt in me.

With kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and all friends, and wishing you all a Happy New Year, I am as ever

Yours fraternally,  
H. P. Peck.

I send you all our papers.

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Columbus, Nebraska, December 29, 1869.

Mr. Jackson:

Dear Sir:

I would infer from a letter Mr. Wilson showed me this evening that there is probability of his being removed from this place in consequence of complaints from this field of labor. I am sorry that any such complaints have been made and I trust you will if possible permit him to remain here. He is held in high esteem here and will in time build up a good church here I think. I am sure that I would much rather he would be left here.

If it is God's will however, that he be removed we can but submit and pray He may send us another and as good.

Very respectfully,  
G. W. Brown.

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December 29, 1869.

Dear brother Jackson:

I will not object to receiving the Evangelist. I presume I shall have to give up the Observer unless the unknown friend subscribes again.

I do not see what Brother Carroll means -- I have been on my field three months and the application just sent. I make no

rash promises, but I somewhat doubt whether a living support will be granted. I hope to be at the Bluffs next week or the week following. I am well.

Your Brother,  
John L. Sage.

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Chicago, Ill., December 28, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

I have presented your plans to a prominent member of the First Presbyterian Church whom I have known for 12 or 15 years who will interest himself and the Denomination in your behalf and who has no doubt but that your plans can be all satisfactorily matured both to you and myself, if you will come here so as to be here on Monday morning of any week; send word a few days before you come.

If you come about January 1st 1870 it will be best as the Ministers have a meeting on each Monday and this gentleman says he will introduce you there to start with.

If you cannot come sign and send the blank notes sent you, and I will see how I succeed with them.

respectfully yours,  
Lyman Bridges.

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Mission House,  
New York, N. Y. December 28, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

It has pleased our Committee to grant a commission to Rev. W. C. Harding and become responsible to him for \$1000 (in gold) of the \$1500 salary. This is in accordance with the salary of another S. Cal. missionary who has a large family.

We have done this because the point seemed to be important, the man all right, tho' we considered the case as coming fairly within the scope of the arrangement made with Dr. Muzzgrave, of which you speak in your last letter as having been shown you by Brother Carroll.

We sent the case to the Board of Domestic Missions and it was returned to us with the following action of the Board: "As Mr. Harding has gone to California without a commission from this Board and without having even conferred with us, the Executive Committee have no responsibility and will not, under the circumstances, assume any. (1) The present financial condition of the Board will not warrant them in under-taking a mission so expensive and (2) Because if our financial condition were much better than it is the Committee would be constrained from trying another experiment at Los Angeles, at such a cost."

Dr. Musgrave also adds that as compared with last year at this time, "the receipts of the Board have fallen off more than twenty-eight thousand dollars!" and that "unless the churches do much better during the remaining months of the year the Board will not be able to meet liabilities already incurred."

So we took up the case.

You will have occasion to write to Mr. H. Please tell him that our rules will require that he shall connect himself with a New School Presbytery, at the earliest opportunity. Had not the Board thrown the case back on us, he might have remained still in your connection. This is a small matter with his trip almost accomplished. I would not insist on it to compel a long journey for Mr. H. But he had better do it, or, explain to us why not.

2. Have you seen the Evangelist of last week and the resolutions published by Dr. Musgrave about Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, &c. What does it mean?

3. I have found no opportunity to aid Mr. Wilson. Hence I return the paper you sent me.

4. I am anxious to have the names of Gage, Wilson, Hamilton and Hughes forwarded with applications for aid. We do not want them to come to us from O. S. Presbyteries, but remain where they are, and if we endorse the applications and send them to the Board and they do not take them up but send them back as they have Harding's we should probably interpose as we have in this case. But we need such cases to balance what we have done. For, we commissioned 4 new school men last week, to labor in Old School churches exclusively and promised them from our treasury \$1300. So much for one month.

Yours truly,  
H. Kendall.

Oswego, New York.

1869

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:

I enclose \$15 from the Infant Sunday School of the Presbyterian Church for furnishing paper for the school at Des Moines, Iowa.

Is Mr. Gage to whom you appropriated the \$75 I sent provided for in the future? Col. Smith might this fall do something more perhaps should you write that there was urgent need. I am very much interested in your letters giving an account of your western tour. Surely if the Christians at the West could see as you see they would be excited to more generously contribute. I wish it were possible for our church to follow the Methodists in their care of the children. Could devoted Presbyterian teachers (females) be sent out and schools established we might have strong hope for the future. More can be done by looking after and training the children.

We should like to send some money from our little school to some school in the far West. Does Mr. Gage need a small sum. I wish we were doing more to aid you in your great work. I think you are to be envied the important work in which you

are engaged. Our ladies will soon be ready to commence the preparation of boxes, and some appeal to them might move them to a greater work this coming winter.

Yours respectfully,  
C. W. Condit.

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1870.

Copy of application for aid in building churches at Rawlings, Wyoming Territory, addressed to Presbyterian Board of Church Extension.

Rawlings Church. Material--- frame 20 x 36 with 4 vestibule. Cost \$2,581. Lot donated. Subscriptions \$2,188.60. By membership \$500. Outsiders including Fall Road men, \$1,688.60. Organized August 8, 1869. 4 members. Growth slow. Attendance 25 to 50. Services noted. Preaching every other Sabbath. Population 300. No other organization. Nearest Presbyterian Church, Omaha 200 miles and Denver 300. Need \$400. Dedicated March 13, 1870. Estimated worth of community \$50,000. Members from Bethel Church Tennessee and Laramie Church Wyoming. Signed: H. C. Hall, Wm. C. Wilson and Jno. Kendall, Trustees.

Corinne, Utah, January 2, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

I have seen two or more letters written by you since your departure and I believe we were led to expect that a Mr. Peck would travel through here to Montana; also that the Mission fund would send a man to Corinne. Since you were here Mr. Foote has started for New York city and I believe he remarked that they would try and send a man for Corning and Ogden. Mr. Johnson and I recommended that there be nothing done there until spring in the matter of building since the situation has changed a little. I think that we ought to commence raising funds about the 1st of April and commence the building immediately. We keep the matter before the people that there will be a Presbyterian church built here in the spring -- no failure allowed or even thought of, and I believe if we had a good building and alive Preacher that there would be a good average attendance. Several good substantial families have settled here since you visited us, and I believe that Presbyterianism is in the majority. The moving of the junction to Ogden has had very little effect on us, and I believe that there can be a good church sustained here.

You know that western people are peculiar and when once suited are very liberal. We think that we ought to commence to build about the 1st of April; that we ought to have a building when completed will cost about \$4000.

There is now an effort being made to gather some funds from friends in the East. I think we can raise \$1000 here, and

then we expect the Mission fund to be as liberal with us as at Cayenne, because it is a safe prediction that we will have in five years twice their population.

I am not crazy or over enthusiastic. The resources are here and time will settle the question. I have been trying to arrange to go to Pennsylvania on a visit in a few days, at least weeks, and should I go would like to have some letters to some of the clergy at Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. I am acquainted with some of them but my previous intimate connection has been in the United Presbyterian Church. I cannot see that it is possible to have a United Presbyterian Church here, hence I think my next best is the one in question --- perhaps you think first choice instead of next.

If it is convenient I would like to hear from you soon.

Yours truly,

J. W. Johnson, M. D.

Winnebago City, Minn. January 3, 1870.

Mr. Jackson,  
Dear Sir.

I have learned through Mr. Thomas Churchill that you would give \$ 300 for the erection of a Presbyterian Church in this place. We are now ready to ask it of you for that purpose. Our organization is new and few in numbers but we have elected our trustees and done the best we can. We have subscribed for a church and parsonage \$2,500 and two lots on condition that the buildings shall cost \$6,000 when completed. We think our people here have done remarkably well, the subscription is good, there is not a doubtful name on it, but unless our friends and the Churches abroad lend us a helping hand we must lose the subscription we want to get the amount made up and the materials got together this winter so as soon as spring opens we can commence the building. Please send us some plans and do tell me when you write that we may depend on you for that \$300. We are in earnest in this enterprise and hope we may find friends able and willing to assist us; if you can recommend any person or persons to whom it would be well to apply please let me know who they are and where they live, and although this is a new business to me yet for the sake of getting aid for our church I will do the best I can in my imperfect manner.

Trusting in God for a blessing on the effort--hoping to hear from you soon, I remain

Yours truly,

Lizzie C. Holley.

Brunswick, Illinois, January 3, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother,

I would write you a long letter were it not I expect to see you soon. On next Wednesday I expect to start for your place in view of settling in the West. The paper says that you are to select good men for some important churches in your region. Now if you can recommend me to a good church in city or village I am ready to move West.

Dear Brother, the remembrance of former days are precious. Hoping to see you soon I remain

Your old friend and brother,  
Geo. W. McMillan.

Chicago, Illinois, January 4, 1870.

My Dear Brother:

I should have written you a note of thanks two or three weeks since on the arrival of the Box of clothing which you took such an interest in procuring in New York. It came to hand the 15th of December and was welcomed--containing as it did about all we wanted at present. The whole family vote you a unanimous vote of thanks. I have acknowledged the box to the party from whom I received the notification of its coming.

I presume you have heard of Brother Thompson having left Eota. I regret it very much and so do all the Brethren, but he had a call to his old charge in Indiana and for the sake of his child and friend there thought it his duty to accept. But we really will need considerable recruits in the spring if not before. You will wonder at the place from which this is dated. I came here with my wife for a few weeks to try the benefit of the "Swedish movement Cure". She became so run down in the fall that I felt it my duty to make some special effort for her benefit. I was able to make provision for my pulpit for a short time, but will return soon. My wife I think is benefitting under the treatment.

Your idea of the Boards removing to New York I heartily endorse and I trust we shall see it done by another season.

I expect to return home about the middle of this month. I am improving the time here in gathering up what I can in the way of listening and observation.

I doubt not you are very busy as usual. My wife joins me in love to Mrs. Jackson, the children and yourself.

God greatly bless you and in your work!

Your affectionate Friend & Brother,  
Joseph M. McMulty.

P. S.

I was nominated at the meeting of Presbytery to attend the next Assembly -- Carpenter alternate. J. M. Mc.

Adel, Iowa, January 5, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I was away when yours of the 30th came. It will be all right in regard to Gage, Wilson and Hughes, so says Kendall.

I have sent in an application for Brother Hughes through the Committee of our Presbytery (Des Moines) because it was more convenient for me, and because that point has heretofore been considered in Des Moines Presbytery. I think in a week Hughes will have a Commission, or we shall have a reason why.

In regard to Brother Hamilton, I have heard nothing yet. If he is going to stay at Corning he had better put in his letter, say to the Presbytery of Omaha (as they have a meeting now soon) and through their Committee make out a regular application to New York for commission and of course he will get it without delay. In the mean time I will inform Dr. Kendall of his status and ask him to respond to the application as soon as it comes.

Please have Hamilton meet with the Omaha Presbytery and put in his letter.

I am sorry for Dr. Musgrave and the Domestic Board for under the pressure now upon them, unless they can "expand" they will "burst". It is very uncomfortable to have a tight skin and pressure increasing.

It looks squally, if, under high pressure, the board is unable to commission their own men. We must be cautious and not induce men to come west to suffer, but at the same time we must throw our facts and necessities like hot shot into those rich churches and compel them to come up to our help in the support of these self-denying men on the frontier.

Kind regards to all the Brethren, I remain

Truly yours,

Wm. Campbell.

P. S. - We have just received our box from Albany. It was quite a good one, worth not less than \$100. We are under many obligations to you for your hand in the matter. I trust you have fared well yourself -- in the same time. C.

Las Vegas, New Mexico, Wednesday morning,  
January 5th, 1870.

My Dear Brother Jackson:

I have time only for a short letter. Your letter of the 16th December (Post marked 18th) reached me Monday morning 3d instant. Was glad to hear from you again. Did not know your exact place, knew you were between the Mississippi and the Pacific somewhere. During the summer I was drifting about and came here in October. It was a terrible journey for my wife. This is a heathen region, Roman Catholics, degraded ignorant tieving. I feel a good deal of solicitude about the success of my mission. I may write you more at length at some future time. Inclosed you will find the receipt signed. The Cedarville money you know was



never in your hands and I wonder that you should feel called upon to account for it.

Now a word about Lake City. I was very deeply wronged there and I did very wrong in not calling the Presbytery together and laying the whole matter before them, and calling for definite and decided action in setting things to rights. That is the first thing.

Secondly do you know whether my Pastoral relation to that church has ever been dissolved? I cannot find out. I have written to Brother Lyon twice about it I think. Why he does not answer I do not know. You remember I wrote you in March or April last requesting you to attend to it, and putting my application into your hands. I requested Brother Lyon by letter during the summer to procure my dismissal from the Presbytery also and send it to Rev. D. E. McFarland, Santa Fe, New Mexico, but I hear nothing from him.

They have a man in Lake City, but for aught I know I am yet Pastor of that church and a member of the Presbytery of Southern Minnesota.

Write me if you can. We are living here in great discomfort and inconvenience at a Hotel ever since our coming; hope to get into a house within a week. Our goods came (some of them) a week ago and we have just been robbed of many choice and valuable things, and of a number of things needful for present comfort--some \$200 or \$300 in all.

Mrs. Annin joins me in kindest regards to Mrs. Jackson and the family. May God bless us in our various labors and make all things work together for our good.

Your brother in the toils and trials of  
this holy Ministry,  
John A. Annin.

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Adel, Iowa, January 6, 1870.

Dear Brother:

I have yours enclosing Brother Hamilton's letter which I have sent on to Kendall with the request that they will send him on at once an open commission which can be filled out soon as he is received by Presbytery and a regular application can be got out for him as per my suggestion yesterday.

We are piling a pretty heavy load upon our Committee pledging them for the full amount of all these salaries, with nothing promised on the field. I hope they may not collapse or refuse to "expand".

Yours, &c.,  
Wm. Campbell.

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Chicago, Ill. 1060 N. Halstead Street,  
January 7, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

By the middle of April, God willing, I shall be ready for work again. What can you do for me? What place and what wages do you offer me? I am particularly desirous of a place that will pay me better than last summer. I need it for this one year. I can bear better afterwards. But much or little, I want work. I'll go wherever souls are to be saved. I wrote the article I spoke of descriptive of "South West Iowa and Presbyterianism". It is in the Banner of December 8th, 1869. There is evidence of revival in Chicago. I often pray God will visit my former field and bless you. I have written to Prother Cleland about Hamburg &c. I am desirous of being ready in time, and not to lose so many valuable weeks as I did last spring. Please be prompt in answering. Is it not unfair to offer us only \$150 for the summer's work, out of which we are to pay travelling expenses and if the churches give us anything to deduct it from the diminished and paltry sum of \$150? Prof. Blackburn says we could make more sawing wood. And then too they offer the Seniors \$800 and travelling free who are but one year ahead of us, and do but little better work. Our young men argue, I need and must have money, and teaching, peddling, farming, &c., all pay better; they are appalled at this low sum; they would rather preach than do anything else, but how can we do it on \$150 with these reductions of which Brother D. C. Lyon told us?

I think our young men would like very much to work under you. Many of them are inquiring about the field and are hoping that you will soon come and see us. Wont you?

Yours in Christ Jesus,  
Alex. M. Darley.

Line Springs, Iowa, January 8, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Your note of the 18th ultimo was received when my hands and mind were so engrossed with other imperative duties, that I decided to defer answer until the time would admit of something more than simple return of the enclosed receipt signed as you requested. That, I flatter myself, would be in a few days, but weeks have already gone by and now I hardly know how to command the time to-day that I could wish. How I wish you could have called on me in passing through Line Springs! One half hour would have sufficed to give you such a view of our church's situation as would have called into immediate action your earnest endeavors in its behalf. I know you are busy in the Master's work, and have no doubt other places are more important than this. But have not enterprises begun a peculiar

claim to watch and care which were openings yet unentered cannot have? Should we easily allow it to be anywhere said "The Presbyterians began to build but were not able to finish."

In our church's early straits and feebleness we had to cheer us the glittering hope of large ~~and~~ advantage from the introduction of Railroad facilities. But since the advent of the Railroad the condition of the churches under my care have been more critical, their success more problematical than at any earlier period. Indeed peril of extinction has appeared imminent, and is still dreaded. Had the Railroad passed directly through and located its Depot &c. in our village, no town between McGregor and Austin, would have been more flourishing and the churches would, doubtless, have shared in the general prosperity, but the location of Depot and a new town one mile south of the village of Lime Springs has been most mischievous in its influence upon church affairs. The New Town indeed has had and is having rapid growth of prosperity, the Old Town also has much improved, meanwhile and the beautiful unbroken prairie country around has suddenly become populous and divided and sub-divided into fertile farms. But just at this time when the want of a church building was most felt and efforts to secure one had been begun, the question of site is found to be insolvable. Eligible lots are offered by the proprietors of each place. We have church members in this Old Town and we have them in this "New". Either party will grant that to locate a church building half way between the places would be very impolitic, but it is impossible to persuade both to unite in an effort at church erection either in the Old town or the New; and yet we are confessedly too few and feeble to set up separate establishments. Other denominations are taking advantage of the situation--the Methodists and Baptists especially, but neither is yet able to "arise and build." But the Roman Catholics are rapidly pushing forward the first house of worship in the New Town. It is expected to be complete in the early spring. The opposition of rival towns seems no obstacle to the execution of their church schemes. Even the Catholics in the next Railroad town west of us (Le Roy) are heartily aiding to build the Catholic house of worship here---though 12 miles distant from them-- and although, moreover, they have no church at Le Roy where Catholics are more numerous than here.

O that our people --- "God's silly people", the Presbyterians, were as wise in their generation!

In these circumstances, I have been, more than ever, deeply impressed with this people's need of a pastor who can devote his whole time to pastoral work. Finding the people unwilling to change, I urged sometime ago that they should make an effort with the aid of the Board of Missions to raise for me a sufficient support, that I might give my whole time to the work, and cut loose from secular entanglements. I offered to make the attempt to support my family on a salary of \$500. The attempt to raise that amount was made and failed. I thought it might be successful if made for another Pastor with my help. With this view I resigned my pastoral charge, and have been endeavoring to draw the attention of some good brother to the field; not as yet with

any promise of success. Should an acceptable minister visit the place with the view of settlement provided a salary could be raised, I think I could give much efficient aid in raising subscriptions for his support. I cannot solicit them for my own. Though my health has not been good for considerable more than a year past, I have been doing, since 1st of June last, as Stated Supply pro tem, what I had before done as pastor. The Academy building, which you are aware, I believe, is the private property of my family, has been removed to a very eligible site in the New Town plot, and is now used as our place of worship there--- I preach alternately in the two towns, but every Sabbath in both. I leave much unsaid, but fear that your patience has been taxed quantum sufficit.

Cannot you send a good man here?

Yours in the Lord,  
A. Craig.

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Columbus, Nebraska, January 10, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

As soon as I reached home from Council Bluffs I mentioned your offer to send \$25 worth of Presbyterian and Sabbath School Papers to our school at Columbus. The Superintendent and school gladly accepted the offered gift and were expecting the papers yesterday. I was much ashamed to confess that I had forgotten to inform you of their wish. At Grand Island the papers are needed and will be gladly received. Your plan for Elkhorn trip is right in all particulars. I will have the team ready and we can reach Shell Creek on that evening 10 miles north of Columbus. I written to Norfolk that we will be there.

Father has been here and promised the Congregationalists a preacher. They will not now unite with us. I will preach at Monroe, 14 miles west, next Sabbath--- there is here a large Presbyterian family and perhaps some others who will constitute a branch of our church at I think I will visit Mr. Barnes tomorrow.

On account of the discouraging state of money matters Mr. Brown counsels to do nothing with our subscription for building until you come. Perhaps the will close before that time. My congregation is growing here and I am encouraged.

I want Brother W. A. Jones to go to Grand Island for me next Sunday.

Truly your brother  
J. McMillan.

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Laramie City, Wyoming Ter., January 10, 1870.

Rev. S. Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

Yours of the 29th ult. was received one week ago last Saturday. Have not received the Evangelist. Thought when I received the letter that the paper might still come. That was why I did not answer directly. Then on Monday I went to Rawlings Springs to visit that Mrs. Baxter; staid until Saturday and now on Monday morning I am trying to make up that time attending to my neglected correspondence. Mr. Baxter is doing well at Rawlings in a pecuniary point of view. Mrs. Baxter has not been well since she went there, some three months ago. Miss Vaughan is now with her brother and family at Moberly, Missouri.

Mr. Lancaster has entered the holy bonds of matrimony. Mr. Peck found his way to all our hearts. We raised him \$100 by subscription to defray his traveling expenses. Were very sorry to have him leave us.

Mr. Freeman, a Baptist Missionary, has preached for us the two last Sabbaths. A Baptist church was organized on Saturday last.

Am not teaching now--- Do not know how long I may remain here. Send me another copy of the paper and "I will try to do something for the great cause be it ever so little.

With love from all the friends I send much of my own.

Affectionately yours,  
Eliza Stewart.

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New York, 14 Wall St., January 10, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

My dear Sir:

The collection was taken yesterday and is to be repeated next Sabbath, our church people are alive to the " " and will give freely; but they want to know if the 1,000 from Cit , 1500 from Dr. Ellingood and 1,000 for Church Extension is sure---for they dont wish to send the 1500 wish and then have doubt of completion--they also and church is to vested in the Trustees of K general assembly--know if so send me a copy of deed if you can--- on these conditions if the you will get \$1,500 and perhaps more. I told our Elders and Title Trustees that you stated to me that these new churches, were to the held by General Assembly of Presbyterian Church, With many land thanks for your kind offer to name the church after Dr. K I remain

Yours truly,  
J. R. Skidmore.

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St. Louis, Mo., January 10, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

Your letter has interested me greatly and I hasten to reply. I will take the earliest opportunity of laying it before the Board and urge its claims. But at the same time I can give you no hope until we get money from the churches. We have appropriated every available dollar we had in our Treasury, and have not money enough on hand to pay our regular expenses. Our Board, at its meeting last week, directed the Secretary to say in reply to all applications that no more grants could be made until the money came in. We cannot dispose of what we have not received. I rejoice in your success in your work and I greatly regret that in response to your call I cannot offer you material aid.

With best wishes I am  
Yours in Christ,  
Sam'l J. Nicolls.

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St. Louis, Mo., January 10, 1870.

My dear Brother Jackson:

Your letter of the 5th was received on Saturday. I have been very busy all day and it is getting so dark, that I can hardly see to write. And yet I must write now or not for some days, as I am going out.

Our Board met on the 5th and in view of the exhausted state of our Treasury voted to make no more appropriations for the present, or until the treasury be replenished. When that will be I can not tell. Instead of coming up to the work the churches seem resolved to hold off until the Boards are reconstructed.

I would like very much to make the trip you propose, but can not. As Chairman of the Committee on reconstruction of our Board I must call a meeting either in New York or Cincinnati. I am also breaking up housekeeping and selling off my goods and chattels. This is all I can say now and it will be to you as it is to me a very unsatisfactory letter.

Our Board will not meet again until next month.

Yours fraternally,  
H. R. Wilson.

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Mission House, 907 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa. January 12, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Brother:

Yours of the 30th ult. was brought to the

attention of the Executive Committee and agreeably to their instructions I now reply.

As the Committee had agreed to appropriate \$1000 each to Cheyenne and Corinne, they will appropriate that amount if suitable men can be found to occupy those places.

Although the Committee had resolved in view of the existing financial condition of the Board, to decline for the present new appointments, they are willing to make Lincoln an exception on account of its great importance, and will appropriate \$500 towards the support of any suitable man at that place.

As Cheyenne and Corinne are not within the bounds of any Presbytery, if you can recommend any brethren to occupy those places, the Committee will, as is customary in such cases, commission them on their own responsibility.

The Committee would not be able under existing circumstances, to add to the number of our missionaries in Colorado.

As Rev. Geo. M. Swan has been laboring in Richardson County, Nebraska, with the expectation of receiving aid from the Board, the Committee adopted your suggestion and have appointed him for three months from November 1st at a salary of \$100 for the time.

The case of Mr. Wilson has not as yet been referred to us by the New York Committee.

We are obliged to you for having furnished us the names of those for whom you have solicited clothing. Does the list include all the names recommended by you? You ought to have given us the names of the churches to which you furnished the names. Please supply this omission that we may not apply to the same churches in behalf of others.

The Committee have directed me to inform you that, the field assigned to the Rev. J. D. Mason as District Missionary is the entire State of Iowa, and to instruct you to confine your official labors to the field assigned in your Commission, viz: Nebraska, Colorado, and Wyoming. If in any case we should need your cooperation with reference to any matter outside of your field, as for example, Corinne in Utah, we will let you know.

I regret to be obliged to inform you that the financial condition of the Board has not improved. You will see in the Church papers of this week an official statement of the state of the Treasury on the first instant, which renders it unnecessary for me to enter into details in this letter. I still hope that the churches will respond to our appeal for aid; if they do not, the Board will find it difficult to meet liabilities already incurred.

Endeavor as soon as you can, to procure suitable men for Cheyenne and Corinne -- we are desirous of occupying those places as soon as possible.

With kind regards,

Fraternally yours,

G. W. Musgrave.

Helena, Montana Ter., January 12, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 30th ult. was received. Glad to hear from you.

In reference to your enquiries I would say- That I regard Bozeman in Gallatin Valley and Deer Lodge City as the best points at which to erect churches in addition to this Virginia City is fast going to decay while these points are now growing into importance. I would suggest that if you could place Ministers at these points who would teach in connection with their ministry they might succeed very well, as there are a good many children in each place, and without so doing a minister could hardly be supported. Here of course it could not be required of a minister to teach. The Episcopal Rector has gone and leaves the field open for a minister of talent to succeed.

Any information I can furnish you I will gladly do. Mrs. Clark joins me in regards. There has not been much snow yet but 1 1/2 inches fell last night and we hope for more. The Sisters have built a large house and opened a school here since you left.

Very respectfully,  
W. A. Clark.

Atlantic, Iowa, January 12, 1870.

My Dear Brother Jackson:

I cannot tell you how grateful I am for the favor received from you to-day. I never was in such pressing need of help before, and I was beginning to feel troubled, but again I have reason to rejoice and praise God for His goodness. I shall ever hold your kindness to us in most grateful remembrance, and may God reward you.

I still feel much encouraged in my work here. My congregations are increasing. Last Sabbath it was several times larger than it had been before. I also preached in the country. I intend to go to Avoca this week.

Most gratefully yours,  
M. Hughes.

New York, 240 Madison Avenue, Jan'y 13, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:

My Dear Sir:

I received your favor of 20th December, and was glad



to hear of your welfare and progress in your work. Mr. Taylor has sent me Fifty dollars for you, to which I add for myself an equal sum and enclose you both checks, which please acknowledge receipt of.

I will try to see if I can collect a little more by and by.

Wishing you God speed in your labors,

Yours Sincerely,

H. K. Corning.

Columbus, Iowa, January 14, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson.

I returned last evening from a few days visit to Mr. Barnes' neighborhood. They are an excellent people. I like them. They are ripe and ready for organization, but the membership will be small. But Barnes is anxious to report (to his eastern friends as many members as possible) for he earnestly desires that you will visit Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Morris of Omaha. They have a farm at Morrison and expect to remove to it next spring. They are Presbyterians and will members of our little church, be therefore we want this membership more to make a big count of members at the organization. You will find Mr. Morris by calling at the Book Store of Wyman & Guiger, inquire of F. C. Westcock a shoemaker.

I have engaged Mr. Clother with his fast team to take me to Norfolk. He can very conveniently make the trip in three days, if not would prefer to go from Columbus to Norfolk the first day, Thursday. Shell Creek is settled entirely by Catholics. We can do nothing for them. Therefore had we not better have a meeting here on Wednesday night?

The weather was so severe I could not reach Norfolk--it took the skin off my nose and ears. I have many things to tell you when I see you. I cannot find a hat in all this city to suit my fastidious taste. Could you not bring me one of style such as you wore when I saw you last--size 7 1/4 -- Express C. O. D.

I will go to Monroe this evening. I expect to find three or four members of our Columbus church there. On this account

Grand Island is vacant tomorrow. Can't you send Brother Jones there to fill the next appointment two weeks from tomorrow? I have written to Norfolk to prepare the way for us.

Yes, a roll of Sunday School papers came to us and we are grateful for them.

No more at present from

Your

Joe M. Wilson.

St. Louis, Mo., January 14, 1870.

My dear Brother Jackson:

Since writing to you, I have noticed on the back of the list of questions you sent what I had not before noticed --- that you desired to come on to St. Louis. I have reflected on this matter and resolved, if I can by any possibility prevent the failure of the Cheyenne Church enterprise to do so. I had a long walk this morning to see Brother Nicolls and we agreed that while it would not be wise to press the matter of an appropriation now, we would do so in a few weeks and while I do not make the pledge, I think we can get the Board to make this appropriation of \$1000, in hope of getting the money by April 1st. As I will be absent all next week and on my return be so busy selling off and packing up my chattels and sending my family off to the East, I do not think your coming would secure a meeting of the Board. I wish I were differently situated and could make the trip you propose, but it is out of the question.

I received a letter from J. R. Skidmore asking in what way the churches you were building on the Pacific Rail Road were deeded. The Board directed me to reply, that we did not know. This I wrote as directed, but lest this might make an unfavorable impression upon Mr. Skidmore's mind, I have written him again, that I had no doubt the title to this church property was all secure---that our Board had received an application for \$1000 to enable you to complete this church building, which I thought they would grant. This I trust will satisfy his mind. If you can get the Presbytery to endorse the application and have the papers all right, do so and we will do what we can. In haste,

Yours fraternally,  
H. R. Wilson.

Rawlins, Iowa, January 15, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Brother:

I have just returned from several days absence and find about all the carpenter work complete on the church. They will finish in about three or four days more, when the painting is to be done, which I presume will take (to finish up) until the 25th instant.

Everything moves on quietly; the workmen appear to be well satisfied. Have not heard anything further from Erwin; presume he has concluded his efforts were profitless.

Please write again soon. As ever,

Yours Ac.,  
H. C. Hall.

Hamburgh, Iowa, January 1870.

We the undersigned, professing to have a hope in the atoning blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and desiring for ourselves and our neighbors the privileges of the Church, do hereby request Rev. Sheldon Jackson, Superintendent of Missions and Rev. J. C. Elliott of Nebraska City to organize us at their earliest convenience into a Presbyterian Church.

Names.

W. V. Ferguson,  
T. H. Taylor,  
Mrs. C. S. Beller,  
John Glenn,  
Mrs. Glenn  
Ann M. Jacobs,

Names.

Lucy S. Austin,  
Jno. B. Griffith,  
Nathan Flige

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New York City, January 18, 1870 (?)

My dear Friend:

I meant to have written to you before this, but have not been well. I have the rheumatism very badly at times, and now my fingers are very stiff. I sometimes fear I shall lose the use of them, but I do not murmur--the Lord is very good to me and I have much to be thankful for. I fear you are having very severe weather. I suppose you are well, as I see your name mentioned often. I have sent fifty dollars, or rather a check for that amount. Please use it for yourselves. I hope Mrs. Jackson and the children are well. Will you write me when you receive this. With much love to all, I remain

Truly yours,  
F. S. Phillips.

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New York, 240 Madison Ave., January 18, 1870.

My Dear Mr. Jackson:

On the 13th instant I remitted you one hundred dollars, which I hope you have received, and I now enclose you an equal sum in my check (say \$100) contributed by Mr. W. S. Gilman and Mr. Norman White, which please acknowledge receipt of. Mr. Fly will send me Fifty dollars for you after 1st of February. I will keep you in mind.

Yours truly,  
H. K. Corning.

Corning, Iowa, January 19, 1870.

Dear brother Jackson:

I have just returned from Afton thirty miles to the east from here where I have been holding meetings for the last ten days. I received, or rather the Session received five additions to their membership while there are doubtless as many more who will be brought in on the coming communion. As our meetings were held in the Baptist Church we did not hold a sacramental meeting. The Presbyterians have a very neat house of worship nearly done. It will probably be ready for dedication by the first Sabbath in April. Could you be there? There are about fortyfive members and the town is a very pretty neat little village of about twelve or fifteen hundred souls. Judge McMill one of the Deacons is an active and very advanced Christian - and one of the Elders, Mr. Morrison is a man of considerable activity in the cause of religion here.

They desire half my time and I have agreed to give it till their church is dedicated. I will do all I can to get it in working order by the time they get into their church. They promise at the rate of \$300, or for my services, which will reduce the pledge of the Board.

Is this movement consistent on my part? Although very much fatigued I shall commence laboring here to night and follow it up through the week in connection with the Methodist Brethren, D. V.

I have not yet received my commission and only speak of it from the fact that my family are now dependent upon my father-in-law, who is decidedly a worldly minded man aside being in no very affluent circumstances. When that comes I hope to be able to run alone on these western slopes which, by the way, give a man some idea of what work is, as my experience at Afton and Nebraska City has taught. But I have no complaint to make of labor and count it a privilege.

Yours in the Gospel,  
Wm. F. Hamilton.

Kossuth, Iowa, January 20, 1870.

Dear brother Jackson:

Yours was received in due time, and I answer it at my first convenience. I have a strong inclination toward the Cheyenne field. There is evidently much of the Master's work to do, and vast room for expansion, in that region. There is an imperative necessity that some Presbyterian laborer should take that field, for I have little confidence in Armenian churches as reformatory institutions, except just so far as they have healthful Calvinistic churches along side of them.

My physician says "Be patient Sir; don't be in too great a hurry to get to work again; you will not lose anything by rest-

ing a little." etc. I think, however, that I will make you a visit, leaving here on the 1st of February. We have been visited with in the past few weeks with some of the most sudden and violent changes of weather I have ever experienced anywhere. On last Sunday night the thermometer went down 40 degrees and the Mississippi river at Burlington was bridged over in a single night. Sunday was comparatively warm and rainy.

These sudden changes have been unfavorable to my rapid recovery, but with the blessing of God, I am still progressing in that direction.

There is a considerable of interest in the world at this place at this time, and I hope a great work will be the result. I have been unable to tell you how far we have progressed, which has been continued from the week of prayer, I expect to be present most of the time. The principal peculiar feature of the work is, that it began in the young people's prayer meeting, and has been mainly carried on by them until within a few days past.

Yours in Christian love,  
W. C. Fephart.

Golden City, Colorado, January 21, 1870.

Rev. S. Jackson,  
Denver City, Colorado,  
Dear Sir:

Owing to ill health I have been unable to give you a definite answer in reference to the amount we could raise for the Rev. Mr. Lowrie, in this place.

Mr. Boyd and I have canvassed out to-day and got the sum of \$305 to be paid quarterly. I am certain \$400 can be raised as many who will doubtless subscribe are at present absent. If a thorough canvass was made I am of the opinion that even more than \$400 can be raised, but I think you may safely rely on that amount. The members and patrons of the church are well pleased thus far with Mr. Lowrie and it is probable the above amount can be increased during the coming year.

Very respectfully  
Your obedient servant,  
A. O. Patterson.

Home Missions,  
New York, January 24, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

We added to the list sent us from Council Bluffs enough other names to make up 20 and sent them on to Philadelphia and

told the Old School Board if they would commission one half we would the other! 10 were O. S., 6 New School, 1 More Scotia, 1 Brethren, 2 Dutch Reformed, \$7,500 due for their men, \$1850 for ours, \$3,300 the others.

We await their action. If they do not accept the proposal we shall confer with Drs. Paxton, John Hall, Kellom, i.e. (inter nos) probably commission the whole batch ourselves!

2. As for the Spring campaign I am determined if possible to induce Dr. M. to join me an appeal to the young men of our in Seminaries.

3. There is a Mr. Taylor at Corinne from our 1st Church in Brooklyn. His wife goes out to him in May. He wants a Missionary sent out there. Do you know Mr. Taylor? I have tried to see his wife but failed--shall try again.

I am glad you have organized at Wamburgh. I enclose Harding's notes.

Yours truly,  
H. Kendall.

Atlantic, Iowa, January 24, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I beg your pardon for having so long neglected to send you a report of my three months labors in the mountains. Some time ago I prepared a very full report and sent it to Dr. Musgrave, but some way I neglected to send you a copy as I should have done.

On the 9th of June I started from Omaha intending to go to Ogden City, Utah, and perhaps make that place my headquarters for the summer, but before reaching it I found that it was a Mormon town in which I would have no prospect of establishing a church, and therefore I went directly to Corinne, which was at that time the largest gentile town in Utah. I reached Corinne on Friday, June 11th. Found it a very flourishing town of about 1000 inhabitants; no religious service had ever been held there, but the Episcopal Minister of Salt Lake City had visited the place and made an appointment for the Sunday following my arrival. On that day we both held services and the next Sabbath. I preached there again and afterwards on alternate Sabbaths. Finding only two Presbyterians who were permanent residents of the place I was unable to organize a church. We held our meetings in the Court House, and the attendance was generally good. Before I left there measures were taken to secure a church building being held by yourself on Friday evening August 6th, at which a building committee was appointed consisting of Dr. Austin Graham, Mr. A. G. Easton, and Mr. Johnston.

After spending two Sabbaths in Corinne I went to South Pass City Wyoming Territory, 90 miles from Bryan. South Pass City is a mining camp situated in the Sweet Water Gold Mines. When I first visited it which was on the 25th of June, it contained a population of about 800 or 1000. A Catholic priest had once visited the place and held a meeting, but with this exception no religious services had ever been held there. I preached in the Court House to a

large attentive very intelligent congregation. The people seemed anxious to have the gospel preached to them. I visited this place again in August and held religious services and tried to establish a Sunday School. Found it very difficult to accomplish anything because there are no Christian men to assist. Found two or three Presbyterians there, but they gave me little encouragement, and I could not organize a church. You had yourself visited the place, held a meeting and appointed a committee to secure a church building. I called the committee together and they promised to take up a subscription and erect a building as soon as possible. There seemed to be a great need of ministerial labor at this place, and a good prospect of building up a church if an efficient missionary could devote himself to the work at once.

3. I also visited Atlantic City, another mining town of seven or eight hundred inhabitants, about 4 miles distant from South Pass. I there found Rev. Mr. Westlake, a Methodist Minister, working in the mines, and preaching to the people on Sabbath. The religious wants of this place being thus supplied in a measure I gave it but little attention.

4. The next place I visited was Bryan, Wyoming Territory, a station on the U. P. R.R., I found comparatively few people here; perhaps not over 400. Many of them were connected with the Rail Road and the Machine Shops. I preached in a vacant section house. Congregation small. I visited this place a second time in August and held meetings in the large dining room connected with the machine shops. Had a large and interesting congregation in the evening. Sunday evening August 8th, and was earnestly invited to come back. There were two or three Presbyterians here at this time, but a church could not be organized.

5. On Saturday the 21st of August, I went to Wahatch, Utah, a sever station on the Railroad where I found a number of workmen connected with the Company's machine shops. I also found at this place a corps of civil engineers who entertained me very kindly. On Sunday evening I preached in an eating house to a large and attentive congregation and was cordially invited to come again. All seemed anxious to have religious services. No minister had ever visited the place before. I was very sorry that I could not make another appointment but I promised that if possible another missionary would soon be sent to them.

6. The last place I visited was Rawlins, Wyoming Territory. Here you had been before me and I found that some money had been promised. A committee appointed and other measures taken to secure a church building, which I trust may be erected by this time. I visited all the families I could find and all the principal railroad men of the place, and gave notice that a meeting would be held in the Railroad hotel on Sunday morning, but only one man came, and the gospel had to be dispensed with. In the afternoon I made another strong effort to bring the people out in the evening but all my labors proved unavailing, and I had to come away without having preached at this place. I left Rawlins on September 6th for Omana and so my labors ended.

Fraternally yours,

M. Hughes.

Valmont, Colorado, January 24, 1870.

Rev. S. Jackson,  
My Dear Brother:

Yours was received on the 22nd. I do not know that it will discommode any of us to postpone the meeting of Presbytery. I think we ought to accommodate ourselves to your time as you are the farthest off. I am thinking seriously of going east in a short time to obtain some help toward starting a female seminary, and also to induce some good Presbyterian families to come to our neighborhood.

There are some families at Davenport that wish to come to Colorado.

In case I go I would not be home before the middle of April.

Now would it suit you to come at that time? A good school is very much needed here, and Presbyterians all agree that Boulder Valley is the best place to locate it.

The University is located three miles from me at Boulder City (that is to be). A number of farms are now for sale in our midst and want Presbyterians to take the place of those who leave.

I have three or four Presbyterian friends in Wisconsin where I preached who are thinking of coming here.

I am satisfied I can do a good work by spending a few weeks east. Please let me hear from you whether it will suit you to wait as long as I speak of.

You did not tell me whether the little stranger was a boy or girl. With kind regards to you and yours, I remain

Affectionately yours,

A. E. Day.

Corinne, Utah, January 24, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I thank you very much for the interest manifested in our cause. I have not, as yet, received the Sabbath School Library. Brother Dalles wrote me a fortnight ago stating that he had sent us some books through you, and requesting a letter upon the receipt of them. We are truly grateful for your kindness and trouble. You did not say what our prospects are in reference to a church; trust you succeeded in obtaining the sum asked for? We shall have to build very soon, or the Methodists will come in. The Rev. Mr. Pearce of Salt Lake has been looking over the field and during his visit here was made a fine offer of land if he would only try and get a Methodist Minister located. He is from Syracuse, New York, gets a salary of \$1400 from the Missionary Society together with what he can raise on the field, and all his travelling expenses paid. He arrived in the territory after I did, and has visited almost every village and town in it. He is, I hear, thinking of locating a man at Ogden,



hiring a large room in the town, for which the Missionary Society will pay, and holding regular services there.

I have preached at Ogden and think there is no more danger in a Minister of the Gospel standing up and proclaiming the truth there than there is here. I ought to preach there next Sabbath, but have not any money to carry me. I wrote Dr. Kennell sometime since to forward me funds, but he has not deigned to answer my letter. Every trip I take there I am out of pocket five dollars.

Now, dear Brother, you ought to be here earlier than the end of next month, for many reasons which I could drop in your ear were you here. Do please hurry up the holding of the church, let us have an organization effected as soon as possible and then the ground is ours for Presbyterianism and for Christ.

Did you see Dr. Watts for me? I expected to hear from him, but did not.

Hoping you thoroughly enjoyed the sessions of the General Assembly, I remain dear Brother,

Yours in Christ,  
Edward M. Bayliss.

Home Missions, New York, January 26, 1870.

Rev. S. Jackson,

Dear Brother:

Here is good news from Dr. Musgrave: I wrote you or Carroll or Campbell that we made up a list of 26 men and offered to commission one half if they could the other. They have accepted the proposal! And as soon as we can divide the list, we will forward commissions. We also agree to aid one man to the tune of \$1000 at Cheyenne or Corinne.

By the division which I have sent forward to Dr. Musgrave for his approval, Hughes, Hamilton, Gage, Wilson, Swan and Peck fall to the Old School Board. There may be some changes but you may count the main fact as settled -- namely that all these men will have commissions forwarded -- so soon as the work is to go on. The Doctor agrees to join us in an appeal to students and to the churches so that we can make a grand advance along the whole line!

As to Corinne-- the man I spoke of is Asa Taylor. He says there is quite a Presbyterian element there, with the Sabbath School. Please write him and tell him you have heard from me; tell him what you are doing; tell him of our Missionary at Elko, Nevada, Rev. H. O. Whitney, and he can write him and if it is not too far perhaps Whitney could come over and spend a Sabbath.

Now tell your Brethren, Jr. M. and that Committee they cordially agreed to unite with us in the advance movement. Hurry up your cases. Give us information of the points needed to be filled--stir up the young men in the Territories.

a call to the front, signed by Dr. Musgrave and myself and another appeal to the churches to see them put through.

- 1. Will you show this to Carroll and Simons, so that they will understand?
- 2. Do not "spear" Dr. Musgrave every letter and word.

All these applications had a drive at him passed by Carroll, Campbell or yourself and they can't needs all go to Philadelphia and we have to garble and cut and only to keep them things out of sight. I write the same to Campbell.

Yours truly,  
H. Kendall.

New York, 14 Wall Street, January 20, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

My dear Sir:

Inclosed please find check for \$1,500 for "Free's Prayer Chapel" at Cheyenne--the church at large gave \$1000.00; the balance \$500.00 was given by my Father and myself. Please credit the whole amount to Rutgers's Free Church. Was the late fire at Cheyenne interfere with your collection in that place? Please let Rev. Dr. Hamilton know of the donation of \$1,500 from Rutgers's Free Church. How about Dr. Fillinwood's subscription? Please let me hear from you to time about the Chapel, &c., &c.

Respectfully yours,  
Joseph S. Hamilton.

Red Oak Junction, Iowa, January 27, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours of the 22nd instant is at hand. I preached at Red Oak at 11 A.M. last Sabbath and at Redaway at night. At the latter place to a congregation of about 75 persons. Mr. Hamilton had received a telegram from you stating that Mr. Hamilton & Corning would preach in two weeks.

In company with two men from Redaway I went to Redaway Monday morning. Mr. Hamilton agreed to go down on Friday of next week and preach for two Friday, Saturday and Sabbath. They will probably complete the organization. They are not willing to have the organization carried to Villisca nor do I think it practicable. They are five miles away; have two rivers to cross, and at Redaway are in an old and comparatively thickly settled

country, have a large community and no opposition.

I am informed that Mr. Patten is an excluded or suspended member of the Clarinda Church. I understand he drinks. I tell you this as it may be of use to you in future operations there. We have decided to have a series of meetings here beginning next week.

Could you spend a few days with us? Would Mr. Hamilton be a good man to call in on such an occasion?

There is no positive appointment for preaching at Villisca in two weeks --- told them we hoped to have service but if so definite notice would be given next Sabbath.

Yours fraternally,  
W. G. Sheeley.

Owatonna, Minnesota, January 27, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Brother.

Yours of the 20th instant received yesterday. Brother Annin's letters were sent promptly to the address directed to me. I have however sent him Duplicate this A.M.

Glad to hear your olive plants are flourishing, and becoming more numerous. (See Pr. XXXVII:5.) Give our kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and "the Dr." Musgrave! It is the law in this region, that so long as the present dynasty continues all the children that are sent into Missionary families, male and female are to be called "Dr. Musgrave," alias "J.D.M." You are not yet free from this law. By the way did I understand you aright that the General Assembly had already set you off into a New Presbytery, or would be asked to do so? I inquire as to the making up of Statistical Report.

I have prepared, and am holding under advisement the publication of a series of about IV Articles on Domestic Missions, I. D. M: II. the Board. III. Method of Work: IV. Means. May be V. Something else. Design -- to get the whole matter before the church previous to Assembly. I want to publish in Presbyterian, but doubt whether I can get my views into that paper.

I sent an article to the Evangelist in defense of the Synod of St. Paul, after seeing the "Resolutions" of the Board spreading the prejudice against us and our work before the New School branch of the Church. But as yet they have not appeared, I think. And I guess they will not. If you have access to that paper can't you say something that may disabuse the New School mind or prejudice? I guess they found out that I was nemo and so thought best not to incur the Doctor's wrath. I wish we had a paper somewhere that had views of its own, similar to ours, through which things could be ventilated.

How, and to whom shall I pay the interest shortly due you -- if not otherwise informed I will send to you by check. I am

relying on next appropriation of the Board for that (now due) but I fear suspension of payment, beyond the maturity of interest. I am still deferred in payment of what is due me from Indiana and am going to sell at first chance. And if our people here do not this summer undertake enlargement of church in some shape, why then I think I shall be ready to see whether Providence has anything else for me any where else. And if in the Missionary work, all the better. If Evangelistic work should open, I feel much inclined to that, but without much confidence of success in it. But I don't want to be hindered, hampered and ground under financial distress, as I have been this winter.

Please let me hear from you about missionary matters. Thomson has left us, Patterson is getting loose, Savage will stay for the present at Jackson. Things are "squally" but the winter is pleasant, and God reigns.

Your brother in Christ,  
W. C. Wilson.

Rawlins, Wyo. Ter., January 27, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

Will you please see that (\$94.00) is secured for me out of wages due Jno. Brannan and Wm. W. Adams, the men who were sent out to put up the church. It is for board, they having boarded with me 47 days each. I have enclosed their bills in another letter to you which they will hand you. These bills however are intended for the parties who settle with them.

Yours respectfully,  
W. C. Wilson.

Theological Seminary, Auburn, N. Y.  
January 27, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

My Dear Sir & Brother:

Your letter to the Seniors of this Seminary came a few days ago.

It was read to them but I can not state the feelings of the young men upon going to the West. I can only speak for myself -- I desire to return to the western world. I am a native of Ohio and can get a church there, but I feel that my place is farther to the "front."

I do not know indeed what to ask you in regard to the field. You will please tell me as much as you can. You say "state whether married". I am not but perhaps I could be induced to enter into the happy state if circumstances would permit.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain  
 Yours truly,  
 Ogden Henderson.

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 New York, January 27, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
 Dear Sir:

You will please find enclosed Mr. Abner L. Ely's check No. 12548 on the Manhattan Company, for Seventy three 10/100 Dollars (\$73.10).

You will remember when you were in the City last fall, I called your attention to my having sent you a check for the same amount in July 1869; that check was on the Metropolitan National Bank and if it should ever reach you, you will please return it as payment will be stopped.

I regret so long a delay and that the first letter should have been lost, and also that the children of the Brick Church Sunday School should have to wait so long before receiving one of your pleasant letters.

Please acknowledge receipt and oblige yours

Most truly,

Francis G. Ely,  
 P. O. Box 1479,  
 New York.

To Rev. Sheldon Jackson)

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 Viola, Illinois, February 1, 1870.

Dear Brother in Christ:

Enclosed please find \$5.00 to aid in whatever way you may think best in spreading the gospel of Jesus along the great Pacific Railroad. I have been much interested in yours and Mr. Stearns's letters from that region; but for some time have missed your communications in the Presbyterian.

The description of your labors there vividly remind me of times over 40 years ago when my husband rode horse-back over the mountainous wilds of Virginia, swam streams, preached in cabins to pioneer people, slept in garrets (or lofts as they called them), where snow blew in plentifully over his head; but the good Master preserved him and he continues to this day doing good as he can in his old age to those around him; but unable to bear hardships as formerly. So may you and all the faithful labourers be preserved through and made faithful to the end. I would that I could add to this mite a thousand fold but the Lord I trust will raise up the men and means and glorious results will appear when we old ones are in our graves.

Yours in Christ,

W. H. Bristol.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
 Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Mission House, 907 Arch St., Philadelphia,  
February 1, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear brother:

I wrote you on the 12th ult. Why have you not replied? Among other things I requested you to procure two men, one for Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory, and one for Corinne, Utah, at a salary from the Board of \$1000 each, adding "Endeavor as soon as you can to procure suitable men for Cheyenne and Corinne, we are desirous of occupying those places as soon as possible."

Let me hear from you without delay.

Fraternally yours,  
G. W. Musgrave,  
per A.

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New York, February 2, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

The division is accepted. Hamilton falls to the lot the Old-School. Enclosed please find note to him.

2. I see by the Advance that the Congregationalists have organized at Corning. If so is it wise for Hamilton to locate there?

3. In order to make a good appeal to young men for your field and to the churches for them, please write me and tell me all the open points where men are wanted on your field including West Iowa. It will help us much.

Please make it out soon as possible. I return the papers of the Young man from Chicago. Our Freedmen's Department can take no more men.

Yours truly,  
F. Kendall.

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Falls City, Nebraska, February 3, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

Yours of January 19th was duly received and contents noted. Also a note in relation to the New School Board. Ten thousand thanks are due you for the manifested interest you take in my welfare. I am in a straight to know what duty is. I spent all last night in meditation and prayers. If I slept a moment I knew it not. I shall await the decision of the New School Board. In case I remain we must build. There is a wonderful work to be done here---yes, a work greater than I am able to do I fear. I have been on the sick list for a few

days. Expect to fill my appointment on Sabbath and also to improve the moonlight nights next week. O that God would come down in his convictive and convertive power. Yes, and also in his reviving power that there may be a mighty shaking among these dry (yes very dry) bones! And sinners plucked as brands from the burning.

I keep the matter of leaving concealed from the people, as I had told them on my arrival that I was sent to remain at least one year.

I have not received anything from the people here for my services. Not a word is said to me and not an effort is made to raise anything. I thought it best to let the thing rest till we would see what the Board would give.

I still need an interest in your special and importunate prayers. Do not think me selfish -- Mine is an urgent case. Make mention of my case to the Master.

Yours till Glory

M.

1225 Spruce St., Philadelphia, February 4, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 28th ult. just received. I arrived from the West an hour since. I think you will have to wait a few weeks before doing anything as the point at which the two Companies will build their depots &c. has not been made public.

I will write you letters tomorrow if possible to both Col. Hammond and General Dodge, and will also give you my views as to Contractor, &c., &c. But first we must see Hammond and Dodge straight. You should have told me when I was in Omaha that you could get this money and I could have seen and talked to these gentlemen. Do not do anything until you get my next letter.

Very respectfully & truly,  
Thomas B. Morris.

1060 North Halstead Street, Chicago, Ill.

February 5, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

I wrote you over a month ago, asking work. You have not answered me! Brother got \$430 for the Beatrice Church here. He is gone to Cincinnati for same purpose. He worked very hard. I have two friends, Middlers, Ohio boys, fine class men in

Princeton who are inquiring about work in the ...  
Sherrard and Josiah Welch. I have told them that ...  
Please write them. They can get free papers of ...  
wish you were among us now. It is a good year ...  
We are much revived. Too long a delay will ...  
good men. Come and spend several months ...

The city is greatly excited. The ...  
which I labor, and of which I have told you ...  
14 were received into the Communion of ...  
these with acquisition from the ...  
swell the number to between 25 and 50. ...

Please-write very soon.

Yours in Christ,  
Alex. A. Phelps

Atlantic, Iowa, February 10, 1840

My Dear Brother Jackson:

This morning I received by ...  
Board for eight hundred dollars, of ...  
painted. I never should have come here if ...  
it certain that I would receive at least ...

I think I am willing to sacrifice ...  
or three, but am not willing to be always ...  
I do not think that is right.

If there were a more promising field ...  
almost feel justifiable in leaving this ...  
few here and they are so unwilling to ...  
it would have been better for us to ...

What do you think I ought to do? I hope you will ...  
think me unreasonable or selfish - I want to ...  
will be best for the cause, but do not want to ...  
thing with discouragement.

Yours in Christ,  
A. Phelps

30 West 10th Street, New York

My dear Sir:

Now this amount of fifty dollars ...  
much importance to you, so that I need ...  
you will be good enough to affix to it ...  
you are then to deface with date and ...  
to do, and get cashed, handing the ...  
regards of a Christian brother at the ...  
with the request that she will be ...  
the comfort of the children. I have been ...



of that baby, and would be glad to know how matters go with you domestically, in both senses. Should you have any communication from a Mrs. Taylor of New York in relation to distressed brethren in your field please give her prompt and full information.

With kindest wishes,

Yours ever most truly,  
J. Hall.

February 3, 1870.

Brother Jackson:

My commission is received but dates November 15 instead of October. I will try and see you Wednesday. Prosperity is not certainly flattering for my remaining.

John Allen spent the Sabbath with me; found baggage at Omaha all O. K. a blunder of the checkman.

Your Brother

John L. Gage.

John sent his thanks to you for kindness of entertainment, &c. Can you get me an invitation to the Bossuth Church? Most of the New School Church were members of my father's Church, Ohio. I do not know yet what I might do--so please say nothing. But perhaps I might conclude to go to Bossuth for a Sabbath or two. I think Dr. Kendall ought to make good my commission from October. It is just owing to the slowness of others, and Mr. Cleland's insisting on holding the church. I came altogether at the instigation of Brother Carroll.

J. L. G.

Grand Island Station, February 3, 1870.

Mr. Jackson,

Dear Brother:

We have not set the date of our organization as you did make the records of said church with you. Please bring or send them to us. I think that you must stop with us at least one day and straighten things up here yourself as Mr. Wilson has not been here since the 1st of January, and we have not heard from him since. We do most earnestly insist on you to stop with us long enough to help us arrange those papers which you have sent me, as they are all before us.

I remain your unworthy brother in Christ,  
Robert Mitchell.

Corning, Iowa, February 10, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours of the 9th came last night. In regard to the appointments I think I will be able to give only one Sabbath to Corning a month and one a week nights, as I can have even a larger congregation in the week than on Sabbath. This will leave one Sabbath for Valleco. They will probably make out a call for some one soon at Afton which will leave that one out of the appointment.

I have been very ill. I labored ten days at Afton without intermission and without help, returned and assisted in similar meetings here and then went back to Afton and on my return I was stopped at Creston to visit some sick and was kept till midnight. My illness was very serious and even dangerous. But the good Lord has raised me up though not yet restored and I would not like to make any new appointment till I am restored fully.

Does the Board pay quarterly? I ask this as I was compelled to borrow money to come here and I received a very cavalier letter from a person of whom I borrowed. I wish to pay him as soon as possible. I find myself very much put to it to meet my expenses of board, &c., &c. without sending anything to my family.

I shall try and go to Afton next Sabbath. (See Mr. Franks letter for the dedication.)

Yours truly,  
W. E. Hamilton.

Owatonna, Minn., February 9, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Enclosed I send you C. D. for \$108 on Owatonna National Bank. I am both sorry and ashamed that I have not sent this before.

I start for Jackson (Deo Volente) tomorrow morning and shall not wait for Presbytery. Circumstances at Jackson demand my return at once.

Brother Wilson received a letter from you to-day--am glad to hear of brighter prospects ahead. May the Lord abundantly multiply the fruits of your labors in your field. If you see brothers Gage and Pack and Spinning please remember me kindly to them. I hope I may hear from you occasionally if you have the leisure to write.

With kind regards to Mrs. Jackson (whom I feel that I know tho' I never met her) and the prayer that the blessing of our common Master may attend your labors I am ever

Very truly

Your brother in Christ,  
Ed. Savage.

Please acknowledge receipt of this -- write to me at Jackson.

Preston, Minn. , February 9, 1890.

My Dear Friend:

I was very glad to hear from you again. I attended to your tax and inclose the bill.

I wish very much that I could meet you at Rochester next week as I go to Presbytery. We shall miss you very much. I have the charge at Earnest's ordination and Ainslie the sermon.

I have made up my mind to stay in Minnesota for the present. A good many fields are becoming vacant and I think that on the whole it would be best for me to remain with Synod of St. Paul. I know that my Mother would feel bad should I go six hundred miles west to Laramie. I should like to work in your section, but there is plenty to do here and perhaps I can accomplish more where I am known. Perhaps you have heard of my call to St. Paul. If it had been to a new Presbyterian enterprise there I should have gone, but I did not want to leave our own ranks just at this time.

Dr. Brown tried to persuade me to stay but I thought it was not my proper work just now. I know that my parents would like very much to have me return East but I do not know as I shall think of that for some time. I like this missionary work.

I do not know how things will be arranged at this particular point. The Preston and Scotch Churches cannot be united. I presume that the Richard Prairie Church would go over to the Covenanters and unite with Willett before it would unite with Preston's. I will not be the pastor of the Preston church.

If Presbytery chooses to have a missionary for the southern part of this county taking my Scotch church for the basis, I will be the man, and although it is perhaps an obscure station I do not know why it might not be made an important one. With my three years of breaking in I know myself to be a different person from what I was a while ago.

If Presbytery wants such a station I will fill it. If not I think we must lose the Scotch church. They have organized at Lakeshore with ten members. Mr. Devoe is there. I will write and tell you of Presbytery.

Yours affectionately,  
A. J. Stead.

240 Madison Ave., New York, February 10, 1890.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I received your esteemed letter of the 22nd ult. I am glad to hear that in the midst of your extended labors, you can occasionally be with your family and that your health continues to be good. May the Lord preserve you and prosper you in all your undertaking in the cause of Christ. I hope the churches will soon supply the means so greatly needed to send Gospel laborers into the great harvest of the northwest.

I thank you for your suggestion with regard to a Memorial Church to the late Mr. Jasper Corning. It would gratify his family very much, but I do not see how it could be raised, beyond my own contribution. The letters were delivered to your friends as requested. I now enclose you checks of Mr. Abner Le Roy and Mr. Joseph Sampson, each for Fifty dollars contributed in your behalf. Please to write to each of these gentlemen, and state to Mr. Sampson concisely as you can, the nature of your work, the extent and destitution of your district, the necessity of more missionaries, with some little reference to the meagre salaries paid by the Board, and their consequent privations.

The information may be of some service to the cause as Mr. Sampson is quite a wealthy man. Of course, no reference should be made to me. Other than as the medium of this contribution. I find the Guide Book quite interesting and am much obliged to you for it.

Mr. Hughes' report is very instructive. May the day soon come when these waste places shall be filled with the knowledge of the Glory of the Lord.

With esteem,  
Yours very truly,  
N. M. Corning.

Wm. Rev. J. W. Wilson of Columbus, Nebraska, acknowledged receipt of the books. Do you know Rev. D. V. Snock of Talleyrand, Iowa?

.....  
Mission House, 907 Arch St., Philadelphia,  
February 11, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Brother:

Yours of the 4th instant is at hand. I am glad to learn that you have secured a man for Cheyenne. I will recommend his appointment on next Monday at a salary of \$1000 and if appointed as I have no doubt he will be, his commission will be forwarded to him at Cheyenne immediately. We will date his commission from February 1st.

In pursuance of an arrangement with the New York Committee Dr. Kendall has agreed to commission a man to Corinne, Utah, Territory. I will inform him that you have a man who is willing to go there. Whether he has already selected one for that place I do not know. If he has I will request him to inform you of it.

With kind regards,  
Fraternally yours,  
G. W. Musgrave,  
per A.

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Home Missions, New York, February 12, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Brother Hill has sent me the list of names of persons who wrote you last month for fields.

I do not know Whipple, McMillan, Guisack, Jackson, Edie or Egleson, or Benedict. Jackson, Edie, Waffleson are Old School; the others no where.

Luther Temple, N. S. good man.

Kepnart, N. S. Cheyenne eh?

H. T. Rose N. S., agent out of Seminary looking for a big place.

S. M. Gates, N. S., "Gates ajar," always!

W. F. Sutherland, Deposed for drunkenness--goes on forged papers.

Dr. Hamilton, quite old!

Crawford, N. S., all right - a tall man and good.

2. I have also your appeal to the students. I have been sick nearly a week and have not got along much with our appeal.

3. I had telegraph from Bayliss saying "I start for Ogden next Tuesday. Please forward funds." I replied "Wait till you hear from me." Then I wrote against such hot haste to get away in mid winter, &c. &c. as to Ogden I know nothing and told him when I had information on the subject I would act granting or refusing him Commission as we thought best.

What about Rev. E. P. Willard for Corinne? Do not encourage him or any other man on any account without my consent. Give me your latest information and then I shall be prepared to act.

Yours truly,

H. Kendall.

Home Missions, New York, February 14, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I have your list. Much obliged. I shall use it.

As to Hughes and Gage they should not be unreasonable. My impression is that there is some mistake about the date of Gage's Commission. I have told him so and asked him to write to Dr. Musgrave.

As to Hughes' application was to make up a salary of \$1000. Campbell himself said the people would raise \$200 and only asked for \$800 and that is what is given him now. We should have given the same. You may be able to help Gage as to date of Commission. But I do not see but Hughes is all right.

Did I tell you the other day that at our Reunion Con. Dr. Musgrave and his friends showed a determination to make Philadelphia the Center of Home Mission operations and threatened direful consequences if we did not go there! I want to leave the mind of your church on that subject--Where is the best place for the centre? Is any body unreasonable enough to wish to go elsewhere? Yours truly,

H. Kendall.

Rawlings Church, February 14, 1870	
Contract for Materials -----	\$2425.00
seats -----	246.00
to Cartage & Pulpit 35 -----	41.00
Traveling expenses of Workmen -----	150.00
45 days work @ \$4.50 per day -----	195.00
Brick -----	17.55
" Work -----	13.00
Freight & handling -----	170.00
Lumber for Steps -----	2.44
Cupola -----	10.00
Graining -----	50.00
Freight on Pacific Railroad -----	500.00
" on C. & N. W. R. R. -----	52.00
	\$2425.29
From Mrs. Morris and family, \$1000.00	
" P. M. P. 688.60	
" Citizens, 500.00	
Board Church Extension 400.00	
	\$2588.60
Free tickets U. P. R. 1. 106.60	
Foundation, 50.00	
	2425.29
	\$ 2581.89

Colorado City, February 18, 1870.

Dear Brother:

Everything arrived safely, via Mr. Douglas. I owe you any freight on them?

As Presbytery meets March 31st I shall not come to Douglas till then. I have been quite sick for a few days (bilious). There is more sickness here than there has been since I came. I visited Mr. Adams one day two weeks since.

I am now preaching regularly at Mr. Irwing's and have a regular and attentive audience of 50.

I am sure I can do good by occupying that field, but I can not visit the people, or even reach my preaching appointment with ease, because I have no horse. I am really getting tired with this way. I have to waste so much time. I spoke to Mr. Douglas and Irving, but they would not promise even to furnish feed if I would buy a horse. And Mr. Douglas insists upon my boarding at his house next spring though he is six miles out of the way, and no accommodations for a man when I get there. They seem to think I can put up with anything, preach regularly, and travel on foot. I cannot afford the expense of a team, and I am constantly annoyed with the one. I have had to walk from Colorado City to Ferris's (15 miles) and from Irwings back to Fountain (10 miles). I have said

all I care about saying to them. They can do better for me if they would. I would act independent of the people, but I am paying off some old debts contracted while at school and am in a constant state of bankruptcy. I have heard of one new con lady just come to the Divide. When my ship (horse) comes in I'll canvass the country or rather go prospecting. The Campbellite minister from Golden City is preaching at Colorado City and has organized a church. Will go on to the Divide next week.

Yours in Tribulation,  
B. Gage.

Love to all.

Will you thank Mrs. Sheldon for "Our Monthly" and tell her she has omitted sending the November 1870 No. I have received all the others. Yours in Jesus, B. G.

Corinne, Utah, February 14, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 3rd is at hand. I am very glad to hear that you intend visiting this town this spring. We have had no church during the winter, and have never had regular preaching. The Episcopal society have a small school house here where they have occasionally held service but it is now used only for a day school. I spoke to Dr. Graham about opening a Sunday School in it, but he thought not advisable. The Minister they sent here has not given satisfaction. We have people with very strange notions. Many of them have contributed for church building here but none has yet been built and they say now if any one wishes to build let them do it. They think it will increase the value of property and will be glad to see some one come in to live among them. There are many that would attend church if we could get a good man that could make himself as one of the people and gain the confidence of all; but they say they have been cheated, first by a Catholic who collected over one thousand dollars and carried it away with him. The Episcopal society have a lot, that was given them but have built only a school house and have it under their own control though they say that others can use it. Most of those who gave expected to have a church open for all but the deed was made out to the Episcopal Bishop, in trust for the church and some are very much dissatisfied the way the matter stands. A man to get the confidence here needs to be one who first learns the character and disposition of the material he has to work and then form his plans accordingly.

I came here on the 15th of November last, but I think I know pretty well what the people desire in a minister.

I am confident that in time to come Corinne will be a very

important town and this summer the indications are that there will be a great many new people come here to settle. The lands around us are good for cultivation and only need irrigation to make them very productive, which I think in time will be done. There are many things you will learn when here that I cannot write.

Mr. J. A. Gaster whom you name as trustee, has left town - will probably not return. Dr. Graham is next on a visit. Will see what encouragement he has while in Philadelphia. He may call on you on his return next month.

I am a member of the South Park Church of Newark, New Jersey. My wife is yet in Brooklyn and will not be here before June 1st. Will it be necessary for her to be here when your letter is presented? I supposed it would and expected to leave my letter until she came, but wish to do what will be to best for the interest here. I will be very glad to meet you when you come and think I can give you a good idea of the situation so that what you do here may be done intelligently.

It will give me pleasure to see a Presbyterian church established under a good Pastor, and think that now the majority of the people sympathize with that denomination.

Truly your brother,  
A. W. Taylor.

Preston, Minn., February 13, 1876.

My Dear Friend:

I was very glad to hear from you and also to read your letters in the Presbyterian and Evangelist.

It has been impossible for me to attend Presbytery this week and as I am not receiving anything from the Board perhaps I do not feel the same obligation to attend that I should if I were a missionary.

I have been trying to do what I can for the country South and East of Preston.

The principal news personal to myself is that I am engaged to be married to a young lady living at Craftfield, and when the great event comes off I shall leave this part of the country. This is a secret yet.

I should like to see you and Mrs. Jackson and Daisy and Bessie. I often remember the pleasant times in the parsonage at Rochester. Remember me to them and believe us,

Yours sincerely,  
A. J. Stead.



De Soto, Iowa, February 16, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I felt very much surprised and disappointed on receiving Dr. Kendall's letter, a copy of which follows:- "Your despatch was received yesterday. Why in such hot haste to be gone? Why go without any knowledge? Why think of going without an appointment or commission? Why go in the dead of winter? Your life is not worse where she is for three months yet than if she were at Ogden or Corinne. And why do you drop the interesting revival meetings in which you are engaged in your congregation so suddenly? You had better stay where you are till I can learn something about the field or till you can. There is a man there to whom Mr. Jackson has written - wait till we hear. Too much is involved to yourself and the people you now serve, and too much to us to have you start off in this way. Write me what you learn about the field. Send me Mr. Jackson's letters that I may possess myself of his information and then if it seems best, and the time need not be long, we shall be glad to send you.

Yours truly, H. Kendall."

What do you say to the above raking down? I wrote Kendall to-day and shall not be able to say anything definite until I receive an answer. I told him of the inconvenience I was put to, having everything packed up, money expended in the purchase of freight boxes, etc., besides several things disposed of, and urged that if I have to go at all it should be at once, while the things are ready for transportation. Will you write me by return or shortly as to when you will be in Ogden. There are two or three gentlemen friends here who are well acquainted in those towns and one, viz. Judge Garriater, advises that I locate at Ogden. In much haste,

Yours in Jesus,  
Edward E. Bayliss. ...

Oswego, New York, February 16, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:

Our ladies have commenced the preparation of a box of clothing for Rev. A. D. Randolph, and have also forwarded a half barrel to Mrs. Edwards by Express.

We shall be able to do something more, and would like a second family to work for. But I think some of our ladies would be more interested in a missionary living at some of the newer States, and as your superintendency extends to Colorado, Nebraska, Dakota, Montana, &c., you may know of needy ones in these states, and give us just what we desire.

Our Sunday Schools are just making an appropriation to Domestic Missions. I wish they had some specific object; for the coming year they may find something. I have a small sum from my Infant Sunday School which I am ready to send when called for. I want it devoted to a strictly religious use.

Father has had a severe fall which will lay him aside from active service for a few months, the discipline of pain and suffering is very severe.

I regret we had not more to send Mrs. Edwards, not only a few contributed, not considering it strictly missionary. I think her case demands peculiar sympathy.

Yours respectfully,  
C. V. Condit.

Oswego, Feb. 16, 1870.

Lincoln, Nebraska, February 17, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

received yesterday Photographs of Churches. Enclosed find 75 cents and my warmest thanks. How happens it that we received a package of 2 dozen Social Psalmists? Just what we wanted. Please accept the grateful thanks of this people for the books. We shall organize a Sunday School in ten or three weeks. Mrs. Peck and myself are well, and as happy as we ought to be -- we both send kind regards to you and yours. God's blessing be with you in your work.

Yours as ever,  
W. P. Peck.

Idaho, February 17, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Please excuse me for not answering more promptly. We have been trying to get the plans arranged so we could let you know and you could come up and be at the letting. We received from Mr. Moffet of Golden specifications, drawing, and also a bid on the carpenter's work of the church. His bid is fifteen hundred, to furnish the material and do the carpenter work.

We have been showing the plan and specifications to some of the carpenters of our place and also to one man in Central but they have not yet made out their bids.

I have done nothing more to the foundation as it has been frozen.

My wife has some money for the paper and will try to collect. The people are very hard up and hence backward about paying.

One other matter and I hope you will excuse me for naming it. And that is I am compelled to work some in the mines in order to clear a small debt that has been and is accumulating on provision account. The people may think it worldlying it me but I cannot support my family on \$700. I would rather next year labor for a support and preach what I can than be expected

give the whole of my time to the church for \$700. When I joined Presbytery I had in hand \$150 in cash. Since that received on hand rent \$120 from Good Templars, worked on contract in mines for \$150, sold a little of my property for \$200, making in all \$620. This has all been used except \$75 for family necessities. Now I don't feel like grumbling or finding fault of any body, neither am I asking for a large salary, but it is simply to let you know why I am working in the mines. Nothing pulls a man down so much as to be in debt and nothing to pay with.

Truly yours,  
W. George Rice.

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New York, February 19, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I have just written Brother Carroll for you, which I presume you will get at Mr. Taylor's or Mr. Johnson's at Corinne about our church at Elko our missionary there Rev. H. C. Whitney. I presume he will write you to come over there. If so the time you spend in Corinne or Elko will probably give Bayliss time to get to Corinne before you come home.

My advice is this: Go to Corinne --- talk with the people about Bayliss --- see if there is a place to preach or a place to build a church edifice, and tell them there is a man ready to come and labor among them as soon as he can learn the facts in the case, if the facts warrant it, &c.

I shall write Bayliss to-day to leave his goods packed up; tell his people that I thought it not best to go out there in the dead of winter and without knowing more of the place, and work on among his people till he hears from me again.

Write me exactly the state of things at Corinne and if all be right I will send Bayliss right forward.

Yours truly,  
H. Kendall.

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Columbus, February 19, 1870.

Dear brother:

The Hymn Books and tracts you sent me a week ago have not reached Columbus. I have found a Presbyterian family in North Platte and hope we may be ready to organize when you return there. Judge Barton of North Platte came with me from Grand Island to Columbus on Thursday. He told me he was a member of the Presbyterian church of St. Joe. You were right and I was wrong -- as you generally are -- Norfolk is hopelessly Congregational.

I am your brother in the love of Jesus, Jas. M. Wilson.

Kearney Junction, Nebraska,

1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear brother:

Yours of the 7th was timely received, but I have been unable to answer sooner through sickness. Brother Robinson was here on the 1st Sabbath in February and partially organized the church. I was sick the week previous and could not see the candidates, and the day was cold, so that few were present to present themselves (4 or 5) we thought best to defer the matter till first Sabbath in March, when he proposes to be present and after Sabbath to go up to North Platte, as I understand there are several Presbyterian families---also several between this and there scattered. It would be a happy thing if you two could meet on that occasion. We shall make a poor show as to numbers, but encouraging in consideration of the shortness of time since there was not a Presbyterian family on the ground or individual. We have in the valley of the Platte between this and Omaha some four or five ministers with churches, and what hinders our having as many more between this and Ogdun before the year shall end? May the Good Shepherd plant his folds all along this beautiful valley. We must claim this as our field. O I wish I was young again! But it is doubtful if I regain my former vigor of health. My field demands a man of more bodily strength; I will do what I can until one can be found who has a mind to the work. I am in correspondence with Rev. Fred. H. Adams of New York State. in hopes he may come on here---the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian will hand you the pay or send it you soon.

Truly yours,  
Nahum Gould.

Atlantic, Iowa, February 21, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Inclosed you will find the ten dollars you had the kindness to lend me when I was last in Council Bluffs. I then expected to be able to return the money in a few days but was disappointed. I now send it to you with very many thanks for your kindness then and since.

I was at Avoca yesterday. Had very good congregations. Preached in Drug Store. A Congregational minister, Mr. Wright of Audubon Co. intends to come there and build a church. He has \$1000 given by friends in the East for that purpose. I do not think that under the circumstances we can build there next summer, but we will keep up our regular appointments. I have been trying to persuade my Elders here to make an effort to raise a little money for me, but they seem wonderfully disinclined to do anything of the kind.

Mr. Smith intends to remove from the neighborhood. I am not paying expenses and am beginning to look about for another

field. Has Avery accepted the call to Sioux City? Let me hear from you.

Praternally,  
M. Hughes.

Claremont, Minnesota, February 25, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I am here to fill up a gap for a single Sabbath.

Pattison has gone to town--Thompson to General Convention in Illinois, Vawter to Kansas, Harding to Colorado, Reed to Southern Tier, Kolb - somewhere, George to Nebraska, and Sheldon Jackson every where! I gone in 8 months, and but 2 have come to fill their places. Yet ten have gone. Annin from Lake City.

I have a large number of inquiries but when they know the work and the pay I apprehend they will be turned down to Gideon's band. What is to become of us?

And added to all the above I see now petered out-- Don't see how I can go any further - How about us all with no prospect of have you any knowledge of the future-- reconstruction work etc. (was)

I shall be compelled to do anything by which I can live-- (may perhaps dig the earth. My 22 years of missionary work and life have not resulted in much to my family or to the church--

I am obliged to seek a new home - perhaps go back to the old spot at Rochester. Am going down Mayday and yet I cannot do anything with any feeling of confidence -- the future is so uncertain and dark. You see I am blue, quite so. I hope you have light and comfort

There is a pleasant interest at Rochester - not extensive; and at Albert Lea; not much elsewhere among us. Have had a very satisfactory meeting at Presbytery -- best work at Kasson. We are going back on ourselves this year. We thought it best to send Mayhew to the Assembly, he could not find his but we tried to work for it. Abbie put forward Hellet most persistently.

I have just learned that Blackford's congregation in southern sent a check for \$25 to the Board at Philadelphia for your special work.

Powell thereupon writes to Blackford that the rules of that Board will not allow them to receive the appropriation any special donations, and therefore he cannot do it. Blackford thus writes him: "Please inquire the church if you can or be allowed to do so much" and send it to Dr. Brown. That is Dr. Musgrave's policy. You will get the church by and by I suppose.

I left all well at St. Paul this A. M.

Slater is at Duluth, likely to remain. May is likely to remain at St. Peter. Dr. Boardman scattered about \$2500 to my personal knowledge this week Slater, and Dr. P. for \$5000.

I hear that one friend of the reconstruction committee on Domestic Missions persistently demands that the Board shall be in Philadelphia, which God will overrule I humbly hope.

If Mrs. Lyon were here she would join me in regards to Mrs. Jackson and the three girls and yourself.

Yours truly,  
H. C. Lyon.

Grand Island Station, March A.D., 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

We were surprised to hear that those lots which we had selected for our church were sold as is the fact we have taken Lots No. 5 and 6 Block #1. They are just across the street east from the others which we had taken. We have also received a notice from the trustees of the church erection fund that they will give us six hundred dollars. It is not necessary for me to state the conditions that they will it upon, <sup>give</sup> you are posted on that subject. I will state that Mr. Freeman the Baptist Minister, will come in ahead of us if we do not do something now; if he does all those who have subscribed money to help us will turn over and help him. You see how the thing runs as the people here do not care so much who builds the church so that one is built. The persons here who take an interest in a church all say that all that is wanted is to see the commencement and then the thing will go on in earnest. I think it will be better to buy the lumber in Chicago. The freight will cost a little more cash, but the money will be paid here to pay that, as that is provided for. Please let us know what can be done now as this is the crisis in regard to our church, if we get a church building and preacher that will visit as well as preach, and do the duties of a missionary generally, we will feel as if we would not go down altogether, as I have been led to fear that we would. I hope that we will all pray for the prosperity of the cause in which we are engaged.

I remain your unworthy Brother in Christ,  
Robert Mitchell.

Council Bluffs, March 3, 1870.

Rev. & Dear Sir:

I am on my return to Schuyler from a tour to the East with a view to solicit subscriptions for our church. The month of February was the most convenient for me to be absent, but I find it is the most unsuitable period of the whole year for

the purpose I had in view. Besides that there is more than usual pressure. I found brethren very warmly entering into our plans at the same time recommended delay for about three months in order to ensure success. I went to Chicago and St. Louis but returned and went into Ontario from which some assistance will be given and from which I hope a considerable number will move west of the best class of people a presbyterian farming population whose farms are too small to be divided and they prefer going as families to where they can settle together. You spoke to me when I called before, to give services in Columbus for some weeks. This I am prepared to do for a couple of months. But failed to see you as to any further particulars, or if any arrangement has been made from what passed between us already. If I had seen you there are some other matters on which I intended to make inquiry but till you return if we are spared only that I may mention that I expect an ordained minister of our church along this spring and I know a student in Divinity who has passed two Sessions in the Hall of our church who is prepared to come west and would finish his course of Study at Princeton provided he could be employed by the Home Mission Board during the vacation. He is a promising young man of decided piety. He belongs to my late congregation. If I should write for him he would come at the close of the Hall in April.

If you are writing W. F. Dodge, New York, Chairman of the Board for the "Memorial Fund" to aid churches in the west would you kindly second the application which we make for assistance to build in Schuyler? I have been very anxious that we could get the lumber now and go on with the work. But as we have not the means at our own command and failed in getting contributions we cannot get on for some time.

But I must close hoping this may find you ere you leave for California. Meanwhile with kind regards and trusting the Lord's gracious hand may be around you in your travels I remain

Yours truly,  
Alex. Sutherland.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.)

Bedford, Iowa, March 4, 1870.

Brother Jackson:

Enclosed I send you photographs sent me some time since. Thank you for them, though they can be of little use to us at present. We will need something giving specifications &c., &c. that is, we will need it if we could. I can hardly say what the prospects are.

You will be at Presbytery of Missouri River. Don't forget to bring me some tracts--especially a few more of those small volumes of which we talked. But another and more important subject: What about another Missionary for this field this

summer? The fact is we are losing ground here without such an arrangement. Am satisfied that we are losing much in Page County and in this County if I can have all the time here we can organize a church of six or eight families and I think two churches within three months. But if present arrangements continue we must ultimately lose the whole. At a point ten miles north of this the people are anxious to have a church organization. I think we can count on about eight families and others will drop into the organization soon. The best I can do at present is to preach to them once in six weeks on Sabbath evening after preaching in Bedford, hard riding ten miles. There is another point about 12 or 15 miles east of this where there are a number of Presbyterians. This last I have not had time to visit as yet, but it is reported of as a favorable point for organization. These are all the points that hopeful organization could be effected in this County at present; but the people all over the county are asking me to come and preach for them.

In Page County, Hawleyville, Page City and other important points where there are Presbyterians are neglected. What can be done?

My work is too much scattered to be made effective. And yet half the places are omitted where preaching should be. I think with proper attention Page County outside of Clarinda can raise as much as \$600 for support of a minister. I think this County can raise as much. In this I may be mistaken but think not.

What can be done must be done soon or it will be in vain.

Hastily yours,

A. F. Randolph.

P.S. Wish you could bring me about 150 or more Catechisms to Presbytery. Think we shall get a man to help you soon. Will visit you about the 23rd or 24th of this month. G.R.C.

Georgetown, Colorado, March 4, 1870.

We the undersigned members of Presbyterian Churches in other portions of the Country in order to secure the privileges of a Presbyterian Church in Georgetown, Colorado Territory, do hereby request Rev. Sheldon Jackson, Superintendent of Presbyterian Missions to organize us into a Presbyterian Church.

Signed: Mrs. A. D. Cooper, Denver,  
Mr. J. O. Stewart, U.P. Sixth St. Church

Mrs. J. O. Stewart, Cincinnati,  
D. & T. Milton,  
Tribble Co., Ky.  
Mrs. I. J. Pollock, Greenville, N. Carolina.  
Mrs. J. D. Lake, Central, Colorado,  
G. W. Buchanan, "  
Mr. Samuel McTodd, U.P.-Rock Island.  
Erskine McClellan, Black Hawk, Colorado,  
Catherine McClellan, U.P.-Rock Island.  
Mrs. Elizabeth McCoy Clayton, Ill.  
Mrs. McKissick,  
Mrs. Ada Ashard  
Charles Churchill, Central. Colorado,  
J. E. Anderson, Denver.



Golden City, Colorado, March 7, 1870.

We the undersigned members of the Church of Christ, preferring the Presbyterian form of Government and desiring to have a Presbyterian Minister and the privileges of a Presbyterian Church in Golden City, Colorado, do hereby earnestly request Rev. Sheldon Jackson, Superintendent of Presbyterian Missions, to organize us into a Presbyterian Church.

Signed: Mary A. Patterson,  
 Kate Johnson,  
 Mary B. Marshall, (Cortina County, New York)  
 W. T. Osborne (Montezuma, Colo.)

Jackson, Minnesota, March 7, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I have been looking over the "Record" for January this morning and was struck with the appearance of your initials at the bottom of one of Dr. Musgrave's choice articles. I don't take much interest in reading the Board of Domestic Missions' department of the "Record" for the reason that Dr. Musgrave seems to delight in harping on those (to him) delightful terms "whining", "Growling" &c. I confess I don't spend much time in reading that part of the Record but whenever I do I find the same exhibition of a dogged spirit in the choice of articles. Indeed I would like to know where the "growling" comes in in connection with those "independent operations." It seems to me that there must be something derogatory about the "Missionary Record." Dr. Musgrave would do well to inquire into the nature of the architecture of 407 Arch Street, for to the "little group of missionaries in this region" who look at the windows that Dr. Musgrave opens to us through the "Record" and into the looking glasses he is holding up for our benefit, the only one visible who acts "like a dog with a collar" is the venerable Secretary himself. If he would only get behind the glass and try to show out the condition of the missionary field, I think the Board's treasury would not be so badly off, and I trust that the Church would get a truer and better picture of the Missions and their work.

But enough of this. I would like to know whether Patterson is going down into Iowa. When I was there (at Warsaw) on my way home from Wisconsin, he was absent. Mrs. Patterson told me that he had had an invitation to go to preach down there somewhere and in some way, I don't know how now, Rev. J. D. Moore had some hand in it. We can't afford to lose any of our field. If Patterson leaves Warsaw I fear the church will go down at once.

I am continuing here and with God's blessing I intend to stay. I am trying to get material together to hold me a season

this summer I expect to visit the societies. This is quite new. I shall build well but will always have a prophetic character for you or any other good brother.

My work here now has some discouraging features about it. The work that we want is a refreshing from on high. Our church members need reviving. I feel it myself. I feel that the work I have been engaged in is not exactly the thing to develop my intellectual powers or increase my spirituality. Still I feel that the latter is my fault. It is the feeling of the need of freedom from being knocked about from pillar to post, in order to get usefulness, that is hurrying me upon establishing myself in a home of my own. I intend to stay here and now that I am settled I see no reason for further delay. As long as I remain plodding along in this way alone, I will use all that I can get to live on and never be in any better condition. I want to raise some \$250 as a loan. If I can do that I will have a comfortable frontier home in the fall. At present I am going ahead on faith. I propose to build 12 x 22 with the intention of enlarging when I get rich, preaching. I shall only finish part of it so that we (?) can live in it and I can employ my plan social in finishing the rest, as I am able to get the requisite material. I suppose that you have use for far more than you can get, in meeting the demands of your extensive fields, but if without encroaching on your own work, you can help me in finding the man I want I shall be very grateful for it.

Brother Lyon knows of my purpose but I hardly think he can stand help for me. He has been pushed pretty hard. It calls me when I think of the niggardly abuse that has been heaped on that good man's head. It is a comfort that "the Lord knoweth them that trust in Him", and that the triumph of our cause does not depend on our ability to open the eyes of prejudiced blinded men.

But now, my dear brother, if this request interferes with your work--if granting it will in any way hamper or crowd you don't hesitate in saying No, knowing the extent of your field and something of the hardship of the times, I can hardly expect a favor of this kind. I write to you, however, simply as I have written to Brother Lyon by way of making my wants known. The' you and brother Lyon should both say to me that I must not expect such a favor now--should tell me flatly, that you can't help me, don't fear--I won't report you in the Record. I don't know how to write resolutions and instructions a la Brother Vester.

I wish you would keep this as between us, for a little. At least, unless you want to use the facts. I would like to know whether Mr. Paton's offer of support for me extended beyond last year. I have not drawn on him this year yet. Shall report to him soon. I drew \$350 from him last year--and afterwards he sent me word through Brother Lyon to draw on him for \$250 more. I would like to know what is before me and at the same time, I do not want to be riding a free horse to death. Mr. Paton is one of the Lord's cheerful givers, but it won't do to saddle the whole missionary work upon him and tire him in the beginning of the race.

With kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and family, I can ever

Affectionately your brother in the gospel,  
Ed. Savage.

Let me hear from you as soon as convenient.

Anaheim, Califor., March 9, 1870.

Rev. and Dear brother:

Yours of February 23d from Colorado has just reached me here in Southern California. I fear my note in answer may not reach you previous to your intended run down to San Francisco, and this I shall regret, or rather regret we are not seeing you when in San Francisco -- wanting to talk together about our work. I do not expect to be back to San Francisco and region before early in April. Have no office as yet. If this finds you before or in San Francisco call on S. T. C. Sweazey, Secretary of our Advisory Committee, 3 and 5 Front Street, San Francisco. And should your visit be lengthened into April you will find my whereabouts by inquiring of Mr. Sweazey.

I have proposed going ere long to Elko, Nevada, to organize. We have an excellent young brother there; he has been sick; he came from the Congregationalists but I believe him honest, but think he needs kind and loving instruction in Presbyterianism. Dr. Kendall wrote me that you proposed being in Corning, and that he would write and ask you if he can visit Elko -- as I could not be there soon -- organize it ripe and in any way open help our young brother Whitney. Do if you can Dr. Jackson.

Truly yours,

A. M. Stewart.

Sioux City, Iowa, March 9, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

I came to this place about the first of January, and begin to feel somewhat acquainted with the people, and with the condition of the church. Everything seems to me hopeful. The congregation is filling the house and the members of the church are taking hold of duty with earnestness.

The time is not far distant when the church will stand in a position of independence and self support. For the present year however it will be necessary to seek some aid from abroad, especially as we shall probably be compelled to take steps for the enlargement of our house of worship very soon. The people are also preparing to make an effort in the course of the summer to build a parsonage.

I write you at the request of the trustees and I am assured by them to say to you and to the Board through you, that they confidently expect to get on without assistance during this year. In short give us one more good lift than we will ask no more. They will try to do our share toward helping on the work at home. They will ask for \$400 this year. And I think the request will be reasonable, the investment will be good. Be kind enough to inform me as to the mode of application and the usual steps of this business. I am not acquainted with the rules or customs of the Board.

I trust also that you will give this matter your personal and official countenance and help us to do the work which is so important and so hopeful in Sioux City.

Please let me know also the time and place of the next meeting of Presbytery.

Yours Cordially,  
E. H. Avery.

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Council Bluffs, Iowa, March 11, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I received a letter from Brother Campbell a day or two since in which he says that Rev. F. L. Arnold of Marengo, Iowa, wants to go to Ogden and Corinne. He is a fine man, devoted Christian and good preacher. He has written Dr. Kendall and I think will go without doubt unless you have made other arrangements.

Mrs. Carroll and I called in at your house last night and spent the evening. All well. Hope you will have a pleasant and profitable trip.

The name of your correspondents is legion. I begin to think I am answering them as fast as they pour in. Things are opening up finely in Taylor and Page Counties, so Brother Randolph says. I think I will go down soon and spend a week or two in that field. They are suffering. I have struck a new vein out South West of Tekamah -- in the shape of a dozen Scotch Presbyterian families. I think we will get them all in to Tekamah and Bell Creek Churches. I am to visit both churches there next week.

Yours ever,

George R. Carroll.

Perhaps it would be well for you to write Brother Arnold as soon as you get this, as he is anxious to know what is before him. E. R. C.

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Oskaloosa, Iowa, March 14, 1870.

Rev. S. Jackson,

My dear Brother:

I arrived at home on Saturday after leaving you at Cheyenne found my family well. I was attacked on Sunday A.M. with asthma; am still suffering much and making every exertion to get ready to move. I stopped at Omaha and called at the office of the Union Pacific Railroad. Mr. Colton told me to have you make a statement of the fact of my appointment as Missionary at Black Hawk and my removal of my family &c., and when such statements were made he would give me a reduction of fare, &c. If you can do anything for me it will be most thankfully received, and kindly remembered.

Please address me at Omaha, care of Frank Colton, General

Ticket Agent, U. P. R. R.  
 You can make any statement you may think proper. I will be  
 great respect,

Yours truly and affectionately,  
 George S. Adams.

Central City, Colorado, March 10, 1870.

Rev. S. Jackson,  
 Council Bluffs,

Dear Brother:

Yours of the 10th from Cheyenne came duly. Am glad to  
 have your views. Have addressed a line to Dr. Kendall relative  
 to a commission.

According to their own confession the (Congregationalists) are  
 a disunited set, uncircumcized in heart and having itching ears  
 (I suppose), yet they are very anxious to have me undertake for  
 them. As about one half of them are Presbyterians I am at a  
 loss just what conclusion to come to. However, my immediate  
 action is chosen, i.e. to make arrangements to bring my family  
 out, taking time to consider before giving them an answer.

Shall you be at home next week? If so, please drop me a  
 line at the P. & M. R. R. Depot and I'll call and see you when  
 there. Hope to be in Council Bluffs next week, Thursday on the  
 arrival of the train from the west on the U. P. Road.

Yours affectionately in the work of the Lord,  
 D. H. Mitchell.

Marysville, Iowa County, Iowa, March 12, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
 Dear Brother:

I have been obliged to look for a change of fields of  
 labor on account of the state of my health. A combination of  
 circumstances has led me to think of Utah, and of late of Corinne.  
 Mr. Hughes gave me some distinct information in regard to Corinne.  
 Dr. Kendall wrote me "Take good council about Clewene, Corinne,  
 or Black Hawk, then act, all will be right," etc., and at the  
 advice of Brother Campbell I address you.

Will you do me the great favor and inform me whether there  
 are any obstacles in the way of laying the foundations of a  
 Presbyterian church in Corinne? Do you know of any facilities  
 in regard to expenses in visiting this place? I have done  
 everything in my power to obtain a personal interview with you,  
 but Mr. Campbell informs me of your absence, and that probably  
 we were in Lewis, the snow storm prevented. Before leaving my  
 family it would be necessary to prepare a respectable house to

live in. We have Christian friends in New York who possessing the same and an ardent love for Domestic Missions have charged us to let them know our prospects in regard to Utah. If God opens the way in other respects, we doubt not the means for a passage, etc. will be provided.

We long to know the way, and pray God that when knowing it, He will grant us His aid to walk therein. Please answer as soon as convenient. In haste, I am

Yours in Christian Love,  
F. L. Arnold.

Asel, Iowa, March 19, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I have just received a letter from Brother Arnold of Maranga, in which he says that you have returned from the Mountains. Also he says he is writing you in regard to Utah. Now I don't want to lose Brother Arnold from Iowa, but if you have a place for him out there in which he can work and get food and clothing for his family you could scarcely find a more worthy and devoted man. Still don't take him out there with his leave until you have the "Coast is clear" and you have a pledge for his support. You will be able to give him all needed information as to prospects, cost of living, &c., &c.

Will you be coming to Des Moines soon -- if so Brother Arnold would like much to see you. I should like to see you, too, and talk over some things with you.

What are the prospects out in the mountains? Did you discover any new leads?

I will be glad to hear from you. Baylies is still in suspense. We had not yet heard of his going. How does his mother stand between you and Kenail?

Can you ever see the way for Baylies think you soon or not. I feel interested as I expect to have to find another man for De Soto if you take him away.

Truly yours,  
Wm. Campbell.

Princeton, New Jersey, March 20, 1870.

Mr. Samuel Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Your letter came to hand some time ago, also one from Brother Campbell. We wrote you that we hoped to be on the field, ready for service, by the third Sabbath in May, which is still our expectation. We would like to labor on the same field, as you suggested; but we want you to put us where you think we will do the most good. When you determine on what field to give us,

we will be glad to hear from you. We wish to know whether we will have to travel around or be stationary, if the latter we wish to take some books with us. We hope to be in Council Bluffs, on the Tuesday or Wednesday following the second Sabbath.

With my best wishes I am,

Your Brother in Christ,  
Josiah Welch.

Cheyenne, March 24, 1870.

Brother Jackson:

The enclosed letter from Bridger came here last week, and Mr. Thompson, getting it out of the office among his own letters, opened it before he found out his mistake. As I understood from your Rawlins letter that you would be through here today, I kept the letter, expecting to give it to you here. I went through the train on arrival, and scrutinized passengers pretty closely, but did not recognize any one that filled the bill (I don't mean Bridger's bill).

By the way, I wish Nieman Bridges would fill up our bill, and thus relieve me from duty on the "Pledge of Steel". I have been trying my best to get these bills properly filled out before you came, but have not yet succeeded. Governor Campbell arrived only two or three days since, and Thompson seemed as if he did not know what to do. The Board of Trustees have a meeting tomorrow night, and I suppose will then dispose of the matter.

I am getting fidgety about the matter, I can do nothing here, except visit around and make acquaintances, (a very good preliminary work I suppose), until we get our house up. People will not go to the School House to sit on most uncomfortable seats when there are comfortable seatings within a few rods of the same place. I would do a little more visitation, if I had some tracts, as a kind of introduction. Can't you send me some?

I saw the Editor of the Tribune and he agreed to send you the paper for \$2.00 - a little less than half price, the full price being \$5.00. I paid him for it. By the way, I guess you had better send me about \$25.00, as I find I shall run a little short before the quarter is out.

Yours in Christian Love,  
W. G. Kerhart.

P. S. - Stir up that Chicago lot of a "Marshall" (Galewood did n't make the acquaintance of any of the family but the daughters.)

New York, March 24, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I met with a drawing of a small house some time ago

which pleased me so much that my daughter would not let it for me. I had forgotten to tell you you were here, and I would it to you, thinking that some day you may feel that it is better to give it would be appropriate, they might be at Laramie if the expense could be brought within their means. I am informed that the winds there are so violent to all of a kind.

I received the card you sent me from ... which I am much obliged. With sincere regards  
Yours truly

New York, March 24th.

New York, March 25, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
My Dear Sir:

I believe I have some of your ... the present is to visit a church ... for subscription in your ... and his Mother Mrs. Daniel ...

It is slow ... do a little more for ... Praying God's Blessing

Rev. D. H. Mitchell,  
Dear Brother:

I have yours of ... In reply I would say that ... by arrangement with Mr. ... would naturally go to his ... office.

It may be Mr. Day has ... come to us they will be forwarded ... City has a Congregational ... we sent out the first mission ... ganized by a man in our employ.

But we have a church ... has taken or is about to take ... make a trial at Central City ... which is only a mile away.

I should need an arrangement ... it were mine to make. You ... shall be glad to hear. At



action in the case must be taken by the Domestic Board, and I  
pressure. But if the requisite Documents from the Presbytery  
be forwarded, the case seems clear. I have little doubt that  
\$1000 or \$1200 would be guarantee for our support.

Yours truly,  
H. Kendall.

Cheyenne, March 20, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I spent the Sabbath at Laramie, and had a very successful  
that I would preach there on Monday evening, if I could get a  
them. On my arrival at Laramie I received a telegram from Mr.  
Hall of Rawlins, saying "See letter of Laramie". I was glad the  
letter came, up to Monday, so I wrote a note to Mr. Hall, stating  
that fact, and further, that I took it for granted, from their  
telegraphing me, that there was some reason for our not visiting  
them at this time. I told him I would therefore remain in  
Cheyenne, and they could proceed as they thought proper in  
their convenience.

I told the Laramie people that the Secretary of the Board had  
instructed me that if I preached for them a part of my time, they  
must pay for it. When I visited them, the night before, I expected  
them to take up a collection for that purpose. I do not  
see how to get at it in any other way. My last trip to that  
place, including railroad fare, cost me \$25.00. A collection was  
made, including railroad fare, of \$21.40. But a most furious  
and violent storm was blowing when we were there, and very  
few got out. Some of the friends, and even the Methodist preach-  
ren seemed mortified at the result of the collection, and held  
out for the store, they said they would have \$100.00, at least.  
They insisted on my going back, and I have concluded to go at  
least once more.

Miss Stuart came to Cheyenne with me yesterday, on her  
way to Pennsylvania to see her father. She expects to return  
some time during the summer. Brother Stuart, the national  
Minister of Laramie, will be in Cheyenne on Wednesday. Miss  
Stuart will go with him. I have left Brother Stuart, who  
expects hereafter to have his home in Cheyenne, as his  
his health is bad.

We failed to get a meeting of the Board of Christian Missions of our  
church last week, and will have another on the 27th. We  
wish to elect one or two new members. That is the reason the  
papers were not yet forwarded. I will do my best to get it  
fast as I can, and I want you to put Bridger up.

Have you sent for that box of letters? I wrote to Mr.  
Keyhart to send me a memorandum of what was thought on the  
most, and alluded to the same matter in a post letter. They  
write me that they never got the former letter, and request me  
to re-write it. I have written them again that a collection for

told them I was afraid you had already sent - I would write to you however on the subject. Did I give you directions how to have the box sent? I think it had better be sent to Keosauqua, so that they can make up what material is not already made up. I do not expect I shall return to Iowa before next fall, and possibly may not bring my family out here before next year. That, however, will depend upon the indications of Providence. You had better, therefore, have the box directed "Wm. John Keosauqua, Keosauqua, Iowa, via Burlington, Iowa." If you can write a little I should like to have my wife's name on it.

Brother Harwood told me he was going to write to you in regard of a young man of his acquaintance who would like to come out to this field. But I don't much like the idea of Methodist ministers making selections for us.

"Yours Truly, Wm. J. Keosauqua."

I hope we shall see you and your family here (especially the latter), and here.

Yours in Christian love,  
W. J. Keosauqua.

P. S. I wrote to my wife's mother, Rev. John Mack, Jefferson, Wisconsin, in regard to taking Laramie and Red River. He writes me that he is afraid it would require too much land to be a congregation. He expects to leave his present charge in a few weeks. From the business aspect of things at Laramie, I could hardly find that encouragement to give a man. The Baptists have "got the Indian crowd" there, and taken up a subscription of some \$5000 for building a church, which they expect to commence at once. I think the Methodists expect to commence their church at Cheyenne soon from the conversation overheard between Harwood and Anderson.

Owatonna, Minnesota, March 30, 1870.

Rev. S. Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

I thought when I wrote you last, to have written something you had interest on some, I thought a week ago. But my last quarters salary is being also coming in and I could not be satisfied with the money. Enclosed please find check for \$12.00 which please send me receipt to apply as per note. I am getting on that I think I can see my way through my financial difficulties.

I don't quite know what is to come of our missionary work here. But I think the incubus is about to be cast off. Dr. Mudgett's resignation. My last two articles have not yet appeared in the Presbyterian and I fear they will not. If they have not received them I will send them. But if they are rejected,

I think I'll try to get them into the "Inquirer", which is one of my first appeared without solicitation. Brother Lyon is on the Anxious Seat, and I am not sure whether he shall be able to

get him off it. While Rev. Ruliffson is running over his ground, I think in a sort of mean way. --- Patterson has gone to Waverly-- Thompson to Indiana, and what is next on the programme I don't know. It is really a time to try faith, patience, and courage in this country. I think I see the way opening for a Presbyterian movement at Fairbault and I am watching to see what the result. Stranger things have taken place than my removal from here would be, but whether I don't know. We have had some interest all winter, but nothing special has developed. The great difficulty here is want of a good church, in a good place. And I never felt the want so much in any place before. But the times are such that our people are utterly unwilling to undertake the work of building. And I feel very much as if it were throwing away time and money for me to stay here without the means of working--especially as all the other churches are well situated and supplied. I did intend, if sent to the Assembly, to go the same time to try to get aid from the East. But Mayhew goes to the Assembly, and so that ends that matter.

I see no special reason otherwise for feeling so ill as settled.

We are having some sickness this winter. Your Hall lies at the point to die of consumption. Mrs. Mack's has been quite ill for two or three weeks, but improving, and several others (Col. Johnson is among the number), have had sickness during the winter. This has operated a great hindrance to our work.

My own family are in health and join in kindest greetings to Mrs. Jackson and friends in Council Bluffs.

Yours in the Gospel,  
W. S. Wilson.

Oskaloosa, Iowa, April 3, 1870.

Dear brother Jackson:

Your fever is here. We can have about three hours between trains at Omaha and if this is enough I will let you know on what train I'll be at the Bluffs.

Have not received Presbyterianial papers yet.

I am trying to dispose of my property here and when this is effected will be ready to move. Will be glad to accept of your kind offices in procuring half-fares over the Union Pacific Rail Road.

Very truly,  
D. M. Mitchell.

Bridgeton, Nebraska, April 4, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

It is with the greatest interest I have read of the good work in which you are engaged, in bringing the blessed light of the gospel into the darkness of our beloved land.

I wish I had money to aid you in your work. You have my earnest prayers and all I have of my means to spare.

I have one son living at Ord, one at Corinne, who has repented me of the church edifice there used as a school house, expecting a Methodist for some time in vain; last week he wrote they expected soon to have permanently a Presbyterian. If this good news is true. It must be due to your earnestness in the good work. There are many ministers in the East. Oh! that they would go into these desolate places. My son at Corinne is a bookkeeper in a hardware store there; has been in Utah some years. In Salt Lake City in the Express Office of Wells, Fargo & Co. for some years. He is a baptized member of our church with an early religious training, which he thinks has alone kept him from the corruption of his surroundings. Henry, my other son, is a professor, and has in Salt Lake City and some years for me.

It has been my great grief to have seen any from all means of grace. But the blessed promises to the widow and the fatherless are very precious to me. "I cast my dear ones upon God" and He has not forsaken their lives and I trust kept them from the pollutions of that Sodomy. May God put it into the hearts of many this spring to "go to the front and preach Jesus"

You will excuse the liberty I have taken. I felt I must tell you how earnestly I am watching and praying that God may give you health and strength, and give to your aid, sacrificed hearts and tongues for the good work.

Your Sister in Christ,

Mrs. Jane R. Lee.

Oakland,

April 5, 1870.

Rev. S. Jackson,

Dear Brother:

Yours of the 29th ult. is at hand. As Ducky has written postmarking as to her movements, that Monday next is the time for leaving, and that Mr. Fackler and many others accompany, I will add a line upon another subject.

I saw the Rev. Mr. Brier the other day, a member of San Jose Presbytery, and who has had much to do with the missionary work in this State. In speaking of you, Mr. Brier said if you would accept the position he could have you appointed by the Synod instead of Mr. Stewart. He does not think Mr. Stewart adapted to the place and will therefore oppose his appointment. What say you? In case you may wish to confer with Mr. Brier a letter will find him if addressed to Centerville, Alameda County. We will be pleased to hear from you at your convenience. All join in love to Mrs. Jackson and the family.

Your Brother in Christ, J. J. Gardiner.

Oskaloosa, Iowa, April 5, 1890.

Rev. S. Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

I am disappointed in not hearing from Brother Day relative to my application to the Board for completion. He has so far forward it to me at this point. Perhaps my letter did not reach him. An on the eve of leaving Town for some days and in coming to me to drop me a line and enclose a letter from Dr. Knapp and request you to communicate with Brother Day.

I have already mentioned to you, I think, that \$1000 will be necessary for the first year in order to pay for the matter of rent.

Let me know what date from April 1st you wish to go out there in preparatory work with either the school or may elapse before an arrival on the field.

I am anxious to have the matter of my completion settled as I am expecting soon a formal and actual invitation to work at the of the Congregational church in Central City. I have a good reason for declining.

Yours truly,  
D. H. Mitchell.

New York, April 7, 1890.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I have your late letters received. Bayliss I am sure has gone on. Frank Coates, Passenger Agent N.Y. & O.R.R., is a friend of mine. He has just told me that he has some arrangements to send out Miss Coates by the next train, with her mother and children and their goods. I will try to get her through or stop on the way. I thought you ought to know it. If Bayliss paid full fare out I would like to see Mr. Coates. He will send her out free.

- 2. Elko:- They sent a copy of your letter to Rev. John Brown.
- 3:- Your statements about Coates's address are correct. I do not know what to do about Central City till I hear from Mr. Day.
- 4:- As to dividing your field and leaving after completion nothing can be settled till some other steps are settled by the Assembly.
- 5:- Have you formed any New School societies since you were from May 1 to May 3. I believe you were in the field. If so please send their names to Central City for me.
- 6:- You see that we could not agree upon a course of action, so we leave it to the Assembly. I am sure they will have something to say about it.

H. Keener.

Southern Colorado,  
February 20, 1870.

My dear Wife:

We were so pressed with business at Denver that I had just time to drop you a line from Denver. The trip from Oriskany to Cheyenne was cold and unpleasant. Thursday night I rode all night in the stage, arriving at Denver Friday morning.

Friday evening I opened Presbytery with a session. There were five Ministers and three Elders present. The work of the Denver Church during the past year of the time. They were very complicated and the feeling very bitter. The assembly finally compromised by starting a second church. The devotional meetings on Saturday were so well attended that the brethren wanted to get together again. Before I left the territory and as an adjourned to meet at Black Lake, I took Meade's place on the 21st of March. I was appointed Co. Secy. of the General Assembly. The Presbytery sent me to give \$2000. They expect to pass the winter before the Board. I was also offered the pastorate of the new church at a salary of \$2000. Denver is beautifully located, but almost treeless. They have now introduced water into all the parks as in Salt Lake, and are now setting out a great many trees. Like Minneapolis it is filled up with lumber corporations.

Monday morning I took the stage for Colorado City, about 30 miles south of Denver. Arriving late in the night. Colorado City is at the base of Pikes Peak and near the summit of the Peak. Tuesday I hired a Mexican boy and went out to the Garden. It was a lot of work and I went out with the Boy and began the Mississippi with in the morning. I wished ever and ever that you and all might have been with me to have enjoyed the scene. Upon returning to Colorado City I found an old Presbyterian Elder (John Jones) who had heard that I was in town waiting for me. He insisted that I should go home with him - only 30 miles off. He is an Elder in Denver the nearest church. Near I see a lot of Mexican plantations. Their log houses with 30 more like them resemble our quarters at Spencer, and to be in the territory, in a bottle at my side are two centipedes. Around the tables are four or five log huts of Mexicans, and their faces and their children half naked look like many poor children. The agricultural deterioration here is great and sad. I passed here tomorrow night. The boy is now off on horseback notifying the neighbors and will be gone all day. Friday morning they send me on to Pueblo where I spent the night. Monday night I took the stage for Denver on my way to Pikes Peak. In many parts of the territory they are planting. You can send letters to me at Cheyenne as late as the seventh (7) of March. They are of March and to Co. Secy., Utah,

care of E. P. Johnson, as late as the 19th of March.  
 Much love to Parents and Children, and for my wife just  
 all she desires.

Affectionately your Husband,  
 Sheldon Jackson.

Pueblo, Colorado Territory,

February 26, 1850.

We the undersigned, members of various Evangelical  
 Churches, or wishing to make a public profession of our Faith  
 in the Lord Jesus Christ, in order to secure regular  
 terian preaching and the privileges of the Church, do earnest-  
 ly request Rev. Sheldon Jackson to organize us into a Metho-  
 terian Church.

(Signed) John Irvine  
 Mrs. J. Irvine  
 Margaret P. Johnson  
 Mrs. John P. Johnson.





Methodist  
Campbell

St. Charles, April 7, 1870.

I hereby thankfully acknowledge \$50 received through Rev. Sheldon Jackson and may those who have denied themselves in order to give to the missionary cause be as much blessed in giving as we have in receiving, and remember that there is that scattereth and yet increaseth.

Mrs. Rev. N. L. Craven.

Omaha, April 9, 1870.

Rev. Cleland,  
Council Bluffs,

Dear Sir:

Brother Hughes is with us and will remain until the middle of next week; will have meetings this afternoon, evening and tomorrow, and a number of additions to our church.

We would like if you or some of your friends to spend next Sabbath with us as the baptist are sometimes members and week, and are more for church than for Union and other. And it may be well for us to keep up letters to our church for a few weeks and as much longer as we can until we have a supply.

Yours truly,

H. M. Clarke.

Advise me at an early date and try to come yourself if you can.

220 Madison Avenue, New York, April 9, 1896.

Rev. William Jackson,

My dear Sir:

I received your esteemed letter, dated last instant. I am thankful to hear of your safe return from your long journey and of the success that attended your operations. I will try to procure the papers containing your letters, also the books you refer to. I thank you for the package of newspapers. They give me some new ideas of the work of life in that great Rock Mountain region. Mr. T. C. W. Eaton, 221 Broadway, Mr. Thomas Eaton, 15 West 15th St., and Mr. Augustus E. Eaton, 27 West 24th St., have each contributed \$20 in your behalf, for which please find the enclosed receipt, with previous remittances \$500 from members of the "First Church".

I trust that this will relieve you from the embarrassment of debt, and that you will feel renewed encouragement for the prosecution of your important work in which may the Lord ever bless and prosper you.

I notice that the money the people have given you, a liberal portion of which I hope will be used in your district.

I remain yours sincerely,

H. M. Clarke.

New York, April 10, 1896.

Dear Brother Jackson:

So tell me about Colorado Presbytery. Do you have notified me of the following appointments?

Aspen

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Black Hawk,

Colorado City in relation,

Lead,

Boulder Valley,

St. Vrain.

Have you an Old School Presbytery in Colorado? If so

when was it made - when did it become Old School?  
 Has Black Hawk been taken in? Is father Hamilton a mem-  
 ber? Have I been asleep, or are things mixed - or has there  
 been some sharp practice in obliterating all trace of our work  
 in that Territory?

2. Look out for a letter on location of some Missions,  
 in this week's Evangelist from Dr. McKinney of Pittsburgh! Do  
 tell me when you have read it how far such arguments will go--

3. I hope you will post your men as fast as they are  
 appointed, for the vote of the West will determine the ques-  
 tion.

4. I saw a letter to-day from Frazer in California asking  
 to have Leon commissioned for Washington Territory. Don't  
 that be nice!

5. I wish you would tell me how many single-Gess men  
 we had better send you.

Our mixed condition between Dr. McGraw and myself, makes  
 it very difficult to get along. Dr. McGraw writes: "We have  
 no authority to license men to preach the Gospel, and do not  
 commission any one who has not been licensed by a Presbytery or  
 does not expect to be before entering upon his work."  
 What was the action of your last Assembly good for that?

Yours truly,

W. H. Schenck.

Brother Leon will return this letter to Sheldon Jackson.

Philadelphia, April 11, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
 Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Brother:

Your letter of March 31 came safely to hand, enclosing the  
 list of books made by the Rev. George Rice of Idaho, Colorado  
 Territory. I have preferred not to adopt your suggestion of  
 holding on a few weeks before sending him a package. The  
 Board will willingly send the books and trust to a kind Provi-  
 dence to fetch us the means to pay for them. Please give us  
 a good notice in the Presbyterian, as you promise, and we shall  
 without doubt be reimbursed. The package for Dr. Rice has  
 already started. It went by Express on Saturday. Express  
 charges prepaid, so far as we could do it. We will very cheer-  
 fully send other packages to trusty men at important points  
 in your wide field of labor, where you can assure us that they  
 will be judiciously made use of. I am truly glad that you will  
 be a member of the coming General Assembly. It will be a  
 most important gathering. May God give it extraordinary wis-  
 dom.

Fraternally yours,  
 W. H. Schenck.

Cheyenne, Wyo. Ter'y, April 12, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

The workmen from Chicago have been here since last Thursday, waiting very impatiently for the lumber. It was to have been here last Saturday. Yesterday a telegram was sent to Omaha, and a return despatch says the lumber is still at Council Bluffs. Can't you hurry it forward somehow. There are four men here, at an expense to themselves of \$2.00 per week, and it is not much wonder they become impatient, as this place is wonderfully dull just now.

Yours fraternally,  
W. S. Nephart.

Corinne, Utah Ter'y, April 13, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I arrived here safely the Tuesday evening after I saw you, in the midst of a severe snow storm the heaviest this season, they say. I made my way to Mr. Clamsie's, as you advised, and found that on account of some fresh arrivals since you left I could not get accommodation there. The result being that I was obliged to put up at the Unintah house here. I have to pay \$15 per week. There is not a private boarding place in town where I can procure accommodation. I have been around the town with Mr. Taylor trying to get a small house, room, or rooms to rent, and failed. The only chance will be for me to put up a small shanty-like affair of a house for the summer or until the people get in a position to erect a parsonage, which they intend doing as soon as we get a church up, and the revival of trade will allow. I have written Dr. Kendall in reference to this difficulty, and asked whether there would be any way for me to get a loan of \$300 to be paid back in quarterly instalments of \$50 at 10 per cent interest, as I am utterly unable to take any step in the way of building a small house without, except they raise my salary to \$1500, a sum merely sufficient to pay board and lodging at the hotel.

Last week was so exceedingly disagreeable that I could not get around visiting at all; the snow fall was eight or ten inches deep on the ground, which, when chewed made it very soddy. On the Sabbath the attendance upon the means of grace was large and encouraging. In the afternoon I organized a Union Sabbath School of forty-one scholars, three teachers and Mr. Taylor as superintendent. Everything went off agreeably pleasant, the people being very well satisfied with the liberal policy adopted. Could you manage to procure us some School books, second hand or otherwise from some of your eastern friends, for the first Sabbath School ever organized by the Presbyterian Church in Utah? I am determined to keep the thing going, and infuse as much interest into the exercises as possible. The children and ladies will be our main props in our work here, for the present at least. Dr. Cass, who is in the office with

Mr. Taylor, is one of the meanest, low-minded and contemptible skeptics I ever met. I am feeling around a little so that if opportunity is given I can effectually meet him,

Have you received any communication from Dr. Kendall since I saw you? The day I wrote you from the Soto Brother Campbell wrote Kendall for him to send on my commission here as soon as possible. I am feeling rather anxious not having heard from him as yet. There is quite a commotion in Salt Lake City, the Mormons having threatened that provided the Cullom bill passes and becomes a law they will fire every town and settlement in the Territory, gentile as well as mormon. Numbers of the gentiles are leaving for this point. An indignation meeting was held in Brigham City, twelve miles from here, the other day at which the speakers declared their determination to die rather than submit to the Cullom bill. Quite a number of them have been here purchasing revolvers since.

Hoping to hear soon I remain dear Brother,

Yours in Christ,

Edward W. Bayliss.

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Near Albany, New York, April 18, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

We have been the recipients of a very handsome, plated communion service from former members of the church in New Scotland, now in New York City. We had a very good Britannica service consisting of two plates, two goblets, baptismal bowl and tankard. The session unanimously voted, at my suggestion to give it to some church in the far west, and directed me to write to you leaving it with you as to where it had best be sent.

I see that Nebraska City is still vacant. The Rev. George W. Johnston having declined the call. I will resign both churches here in June, to enable them each to get a pastor. The Presbyterian Church has given me a unanimous and hearty call for all of my time, but as several families in the New Scotland Church have signified their intention of going with me. The Session of New Scotland object to my leaving in that way; so I think the better way will be to leave them both. The Lord will find me a field to work in.

Yours very truly,  
J. W. Edie.

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Takama, Nebraska, April 19, 1893.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

I arrived here on Saturday about 8 P. M. I did not preach yesterday; a Methodist minister was appointed to give out to hold services here both on the forenoon and in the evening. I heard him both times. He called on me in the evening to make the closing prayer.

Yesterday was his first time here. He says he was appointed by his "Conference" to preach at this place over the Sabbath for one year. I will preach at this place on next Sabbath. We intend also on next Sabbath to organize a school. During this week I intend to visit and become acquainted with the people. I want to know of any favor our denomination. There is only one male member of our church in this place, he keeps the hotel. He and his wife and three daughters are members of the Presbyterian Church. I intend to move by here at his house. It seems to be the only place I can find here.

On the Sabbath after next I intend to preach at Bell Creek, in the near time I will write to Mr. J. H. Carrall to let him know I intend to be there.

Will you please forward my books by freight to Elgin. I would like to have them as soon as possible. I have just bought I have the receipt in my pocket--I will enclose it in order that you may get them; still I am not certain whether 'tis best to send or keep the receipt. Will you please get another receipt at Council Bluffs and forward it to me in a letter. I will write to you occasionally. Am sorry I did not see Mr. Carrall; the church at this place after the time.

Hoping you are all well I am, dear Sir,

Very respectfully,

J. P. Long.

Minnesota,

Jackson, April 19, 1893.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours of March 29th is before me. I hope you did not take my reference to article in January Record as a serious imputation. I meant it only as a play upon initials. I was as well that you did not write it as that I was not the author of it myself.

I received a letter from Mr. Eaton on Saturday, the 17th instant. He continues his \$600 appropriation. Now Brother Jackson, I have come to the serious conclusion that it is not best for me to build here. I want this year for certain reasons and I am almost sure that I will be about a plan. In view of the cost of building here, the uncertainty of the prospects of this place as a town, and the drag it would be upon my work and my purse (1) I have given up the idea of building a house here. But instead, I propose to extend my labors to the settlements above us this winter.

and put up a little manse costing between \$50 and \$75 or 100 acres of desirable land which I will secure as a good thing to fall back on in old age which even now in my twenty sixth year seems creeping upon me.

I have an object beyond this of which it does not do to talk here now. It is plain that the St. Louis & Sioux City road is going to cross the Des Moines sure North of a town 10 to 25 miles and a town will be established there, or at least Lake. Now I am looking for both a good investment of the money I can save. (If I can't save any money a number of years and ready to pay for my land on halves), and a chance to lay down and organize a church whenever the railroad is fixed. Now in view of this, I hope you will make no effort for or to direct the funds in another channel. I would give you encouragement for your great work in your large field. You will be able to do more now, since Mr. Musgrave has retired with his laurels and quite a string of yours beside. May his quiet life afford him sweet rest from his late arduous labors.

Another in writing to me mentions the many regrets and the regrets that she hardly supposed that if the names of those who regret his retirement were registered that mine would be found on the list. I much fear, dear brother, that the heart of this "little brat of a missionary" is too hard to mourn such over the change. Being neither a very strong reunion man nor yet a believer in the justice of the late Secretary's assumption of credit, I fail to see without spectacles the marvelous services that Mr. Musgrave has rendered the church in these latter days. Still I honor him as a sincere man, though he was most blindly stubborn. As to the reunion I accept it as ordered of God and being a Calvinist to the back bone, regard it now as for the best and pray that God may be made glad by the glorious results, that under God are expected to emerge from it.

My church is yet to be painted. I have the seats all up and we worship in it regularly. I intend to send to Chicago for the material this week. I tell you, dear brother, this has been a hard work. Really I feel like an old man physically. I have not been at all well this spring and my work there I have done very little, has dragged heavily. I trust for better things and more strength. I see some indications of relief from the responsibility of building now as the work of painting is all that remains to be done. I have promised to furnish the lead if the trustees would do the rest. Heretofore the trustees, except Corning and Hunter, seemed to feel very little the responsibility of their assurance to the Board upon which the \$1000 was obtained by special favor, and to me it has been very painful. Never again do I consent to any church receiving the aid from the Board till the building is up and otherwise free from any encumbrance that the Board's appropriation will not remove. We have some new men on the Board of trustees and they have all seemed to wake up and have called a congregational meeting to make definite arrangements in reference to the conduct of affairs of this church.

But enough of "blues". I have several letters yet to write and it is getting late.

May God prosper you in your work at the East giving you means as you need.

With kind regards to all,

Your brother in Christ,  
Edward Savage.

I received a present of \$110 some time ago from Dr. Boardman's congregation for the purpose of buying me a horse. I have now in consequence a very fine colt which if it does not make a worthy missionary horse, will, I expect, be my fault.

April 19, 1870.

Brother Jackson:

The enclosed explains itself. I hope it is sufficient. I am of course glad to know that Brother Henry will come out. It is either hard for me to get up any enthusiasm over Blair.

Cincinnati ought to be supplied. They would like to have a man come and live in their families for a while. I found one Presbyterian there not before known there. I will do as is convenient about coming to Council Bluffs. If Galpin wants to go to Blair I may steal off. But you may preach any how. I will not probably come.

If possible get Brother and me near together and on the Sioux City Railroad so that we can be together without expense. His health too is I presume precarious, though I think the summer's work will do him good.

John L. Sage.

Omaha, Nebraska, Tuesday, April 19,  
1870.

Rev. Mr. Jackson:  
Dear Sir:

After spending one day in this place I went to North Platte. The people received me very kindly and did all they could for me. I was unwell and held only one service on Sabbath. The school house was well filled, and the attendance was excellent. Mr. Barton has probably written to you before this, regarding the prospect of occupying the field immediately. He says he is willing to do all he can in the way of subscribing to pay expenses, and thinks that but little can be done toward it, besides this, in the town. He understands however that the work can be sustained by the Board of Missions. The one great difficulty in the way is that no boarding place can be found. Mr. Barton says that it is impossible to get a room in town, and I was told by Mr. Brown, the manager of the hotel, that their rooms will all be taken. I should have stayed longer



this time, were it not that every room had been engaged before I went there. I had a long talk with Mrs. Smith, who is a young woman. She is anxious to see the Presbyterian Church established there, as she prefers it to the Baptist, but says she fears it will have to be postponed until the denomination becomes stronger. Mr. Freeman, the Baptist, cannot obtain a room at the hotel I am told. Should I return under these circumstances?

The people here, Grand Island, are very kind; and were anxious to have Presbyterian service. Mr. [unclear] has obtained board for me at the house of a Mr. Hooper, where he says they will be glad to have me stay. He also says that they will do what they can to meet the bills, as proposed in your letter. I anticipate a work in this place, congenial to my tastes. Of course I will have to occupy another field with this one. I hope you will not feel that I am too easily discouraged at North Platte.

I have felt it my duty to lay these things before you and will gladly do whatever you assign me to the best of my ability. Hoping to hear from you before the 29th instant, I remain very sincerely yours  
In Christian service,  
Samuel Smith.

Please present my kindest regards to Mrs. Jackson. The difficulty of obtaining lodging together with the supposition that the board of missions would be unwilling to pay so large a part of the expense as they would have to do leads Mr. Barton to think as he does in the matter.

April 20, 1840.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:  
Dear Brother:

I have been received by Mr. Barber and he has under peculiar circumstances. He says he cannot board me from the fact that his health is not good. He tells me that I cannot get board without paying for it, and that he and Mr. Hurley are the only ones to bear the burden and that they do not feel willing to do so.

As for a pony, they have none to spare and do not know where I can get one. They propose this proposition, that I take the District school in this neighborhood and teach for a couple of months, by which means I could get to board around among the people. They seem to think this is the only way in which I can get at the people to do them any good. I cannot accept this proposition until I hear from you. They requested me to write to you concerning this. I leave it with you and you may assign me another field, or if not I will have to pay for my board, or take the school. Please write me as soon as you can come to hand and I will abide your decision.

Yours truly,

J. S. Direct Madison, Madison County, W. Va. McCracken.





Bellevue, Nebraska, April 20, 1870.

Dear Brother:

I think we will like Rev. Eastman very well. I think he will make a very able minister, but I think the interest that is manifested here and the amount of labour in this field will be enough for Brother Eastman without connecting his labors with tolerance. I think we ought to have preaching here every Sabbath; we want to guarantee \$500 or \$600 for the supply of our pulpit the ensuing year and ask Presbytery to recommend him, and I think if there could be any arrangement made whereby Brother Eastman could supply this field only during his stay here I think it would be very satisfactory and desirable.

Yours truly,

Joseph S. Betz.

St. Paul, Minn., April 23, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I have the expected letter from Fraser of California. He wants me to come, and go to Washington Territory as a missionary to cultivate two or three small points which they hope will grow; but as a district or exploring missionary. Dr. Kendall also writes he trust in this capacity as Frasier desires they will probably be glad to send me out. But I must decline this, of course not because it is not a needed and important work and good enough for me, or because I would not like it, but as you know, my family could not live on what such a field would yield. The Board could not continue from year to year what would be needful for them--for such a work.

Well, what next? I don't know.

But I know this item of news. Dr. Paxton turns me from the same Miss Galtson--that will carry me through the time of Reconstruction-- He writes to E. J. Deffer that he has had an interview with Dr. Kendall; that Dr. Musgrave has warned Dr. Kendall against the brethren in the Synod of St. Paul. Dr. Paxton thinks he has set Dr. Kendall aright in the matter. Dr. Kendall told him that you wished to go to Washington Territory. Dr. Paxton told him no; that the brethren wanted him here. He must stay. Dr. Kendall then expressed himself ready to respect the wishes of the brethren on the ground, and said he might send Guliffson to Wisconsin or Missouri. So the matter stood. Now this of course is all "inter nos". Make what use of it wisely you think best. Guliffson goes east in a day or two ostensibly for men which he wants here. The result you can surmise.

I don't like to come into any conflict with him at all, and yet if it could be done without injury or disappointment to him and to the satisfaction of others and the good of the cause I would prefer to remain on this ground.

D. C. Lyon.

Columbus, Nebraska, April 21, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Brother.

I fear I am too late telling you that Mr. Barnes wishes his church called The First Presbyterian Church of Madison. The city of Madison is beautifully situated around the school house and has the best street named Rev. Sheldon Jackson, but is called Jackson Street for short. It is hoped you will locate the church on that street. I pray you come up and spend two Sabbaths with me! We will receive a goodly number in addition to the Columbus church and 3 or 4 at Madison. Your preaching is very popular here. But I have not much hope that you will come -- How can't you send Mr. Carroll or some other Big Thunder? The last Congregationalist who was here was a strong man but did not stay long.

We have reorganized our Sabbath School electing our Geo. W. Brownsuperintendent. We now have a very flourish in school.

Do come or send some one any time in this month or next.

I am your brother in the service of our sweet Lord

Jesus,

Jos. W. Wilson.

Malcom, Iowa, April 21, 1870.

Rev. S. Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

Here is a letter from Fayliss to Dr. Kendall. Kendall says that they have no money to loan Fayliss, and asks can't you and I do something for him? Now what can we do?

It seems to me Fayliss' letter is not very encouraging to anybody to do anything for him -- what do you think? Note the first sentence in the letter. It is not strictly correct, the "advice and direction" was not the thing, "permission", or "assent" to his determination to go was nearer the thing. I have never felt that he was just the man, but perhaps the best that we had available. I know Kendall is not fully satisfied with Fayliss' operations and especially with this letter. It has not the "right ring" to it. You will have to exercise a kind and fatherly care over him "advise and direct" him freely, and I hope God will use him, for his good work.

Let me hear from you. I expect to be in Council Bluffs next week early in the week; will you be at home?

Yours truly,  
Wm. Campbell.

St. Paul, Minn. April 21, 1870.

Brother Jackson:

We were very stupid or very much crowded for time the day we parted at Masson.

You expressed yourself as tired of the roving life and rather disposed to seek something else. You have noticed, that while but one Secretary is to be recommended for the Board of Home Missions, the liberty is to be accorded to the Board to get as much assistance as they want.

We cannot tell of course what or how much that will be. But I would like to see you in the assistance some where you could do more for the cause than at your present work - perhaps more pleasantly to yourself and with more comfort to your family.

I want to hear from you what you would think of this. What you would like if anything that the Minnesota brethren could do any thing toward helping you to. It would not be wise I think to take any Presbyterial action in the matter of re-organization, but it would be wiser to pass a paper among us for signatures, presenting our wishes to the Home Board, or to the prospective Secretary.

Write me fully as inter nos, in the matter.

We are as usual, children well, wife down with an attack of her old enemy, rheumatism, which just now has the advantage.

You will of course go to see Mary in Philadelphia. Don't forget Mrs. Newkirk, nor Mrs. Boardman---

nor a great many others.

Yours truly,

Wm. A. Lyon.

Owatonna, April 22, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Your note and enclosure was received. Brother Lyon is "done for" until May. But I really think he should remain here rather than plunge into some of those Territorial hazards at his time of life. There is all he can do here, i. e., east of any of the Territories. And younger men should engage in the hard work.

I sent my article to the Interior and they decline to publish it because it ought to appear with the others, of which it is part.

2. Because Trowbridge don't approve the plan. He says "I have no faith at all in any system which relies largely on voluntary effort by pastors or presbyters, not employed wholly in directing and working our home mission machinery." He says further, "I have long advocated, as is well known at New York, a remodelling of our Committee which should place Co-ordinating Secretaries at leading points in the West -- say four in all -- who should do for the cause what you seem to propose." That will give you something of his idea if you haven't it already, and perhaps of many on his side. As to the first quotation, I can't agree with him at all. As to the second his idea only differs from mine in that he scatters the Secre-

retaries, and divides responsibility. My idea is, that is not necessary. And I think it would be of questionable policy, for instance to make Dr. Murrave a Secretary for New York, Pennsylvania, &c. and Dr. Kendall Co-ordinate for Wisconsin, Minnesota, and territories west, while Crowbridge should be Co-ordinate for Illinois, Missouri and westward, each being at liberty and responsible for his own field. One policy, agreed upon should govern the whole. And that I think the advantage of my plan. I guess my article is waste paper. The Presbyterian would not have published it at all. I must set a handle to my name. I have little courage to send now to the Evangelist. I however adopted your suggestion, and worked over one article for that paper. The signature please don't reveal. I don't want notoriety in connection with the newspapers. I am not noted for wisdom or profundity in the Church, and if I succeed in getting off any thing good, let it stand and work on its own merits; if foolish let it waste itself without recoil on me. When I am satisfied that my name will add influence to what I write, I'll add it.

Kindest regards to Mrs. Jackson and glad to hear that Bessie is better.

Yours in the Gospel,  
W. S. Wilson.

P. S. What does Dr. Kendall mean by "Post your men" - the vote of the West will determine the matter? Does he mean inform? Does he mean the vote of western men at next Assembly? if not, what? W.

Corning, April 23, 1870.

To Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

I should have answered your letter sooner but expected to see you as I passed through your place to Presbytery. I started for Presbytery and got as far as Council Bluffs and then was taken sick and prevented from getting off in time and so returned. It was a great disappointment as I was very desirous of meeting the brethren and becoming a member of the Presbytery of Omaha as you suggested. On my return I found my letter awaiting me at Afton. I will try and be at the meeting of Presbytery in Clarinda.

Things are very promising at Afton and also at this place. I hope we shall begin to build soon. My health has not been as good as I would have desired and I have not gone through the amount of labour I had laid out for myself. The organization at Nodaway has not yet been brought about but as Presbytery meets soon the matter can then be attended to.

I miss very much my books, and it seems a long time to look forward to rejoining my family as my circumstances will not allow of my bringing them on this spring. I have only received about eighty dollars from the field of labour and a hun-

dred of the quarterage from the Board had to go for my expenses in fitting out and getting here, and I hope I am doing the work of the Lord and that my extreme embarrassment in pecuniary matters is no mark of the divine frown. I saw by your letter from the mountains that you came in contact with a cousin of ours, Rev. Lewis Hamilton. We had long sight of him for some time and I was glad to know of his whereabouts.

My kind regards to your family and to Brother Clelana.

Yours in the Gospel,

Wm. H. Hamilton.

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North Platte, Nebraska, April 24, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of 14th instant introducing Rev. S. Annin came to hand and I am indebted to you for a pleasant acquaintance. Mr. Annin preached here last Sabbath and created a very good impression on the minds of his audience.

Your request that the friends here should meet as far as possible his travelling and board expenses seemed to me to be injudicious when we take into consideration the peculiar position of affairs at this point. I think best to advise Mr. Annin not to attempt taking up a collection from the congregation at least until it was generally understood that there was to be stated preaching.

I stated to Mr. Annin in full my opinion of attempting (at present) to make congregational collections or asking subscriptions, and feel it my duty to state the same to you.

You are informed of the action taken here by the Superintendent of Baptist Missions and of the fact that nearly all of the church-going people of this place are pleased to aid all in their power to the building of a church.

So far as I have been able to learn, nothing has been said by Rev. Freeman that would lead the people to think that they were to be called upon to aid in the least in the support of a preacher here.

It seems to me that in view of these facts and the unorganized state of our church here that any attempt to ask subscriptions for the support of preaching here would have the effect of turning away the very people whom it is our desire to call into the church. I refer entirely to the people who are not members of churches and whose condition would prevent (if they desired it) their subscribing anything to the support of the gospel.

These objections it seemed to me to be of sufficient weight to warrant Mr. Annin in taking the action he did and referring the matter back to you. So far as I am concerned I desire to second you in any measures you may see fit to adopt for the establishment of a church here and it may be that my anxiety to have any such movement a success makes me more particular



in regard to the first movements in which I conceive the whole success of the undertaking depends.

I enclose herewith two dollars in payment for my subscription to the Evangelist, the first number of which came this morning.

Yours very truly,  
Guy C. Barton.

Oskaloosa, Iowa, April 24, 1870.

Brother Jackson:

That Commission is here ---- Come down and congratulate me. Hope to get off early in PM.

When do you start for the General Assembly?

Very truly and affectionately,

W. H. Mitchell.

P. S. Can you not arrange for half-fare for myself and family (only 3 tickets for all) over the Union Pacific Road? I have it over the Denver Pacific.

The parenthesis above means that 3 tickets would cover full fare.

Dr. Maygrave appends a very pleasant personal note but says nothing about bearing any part of expenses in getting to the field.

I should not refer to this only because necessity is laid upon me. Though I have effected a sale of my house here, I do not get enough down to take me to Central, pay freight, etc., and give me a foothold out there. If the Board could donate \$100 to this purpose it would be a stretch in time and, if required, I would obligate myself to deduct the amount from my last quarterly appropriation.

Yours again,

W. H. Mitchell.

Adel, Iowa, April 24, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I have yours of 18th. I thank you for the names of the churches you organized, also for a word from Bayliss. By the way don't forget to return Bayliss' letter to Kendall, to me, soon as you have done with it.

Yesterday on my way home I met a Brother Weir going out to you, and he said to settle perhaps in Page or Taylor County.

In regard to Arnold for General Weir to make a good start for the field provided he could get there and get his family there, but there is most too much to move so far. A smaller family it seems to me or a single man is more desirable.

Will you be at home on the 2nd or 3rd of May? I want to see you if you will. I expect to visit Burgess about that time, and I want to see you and Carrull before you go to General Assembly. Father Kellogg got the appointment, and the thing

out through before I got there, first on the docket. However I don't care much, as you and Carroll are going to watch him; and Arnold is going from Iowa City Presbytery, and Elder Risser from Adel.

Mrs. Bayliss, I believe, expects to start on Tuesday next for Corinne. I think she had better remain in Desoto until he gets up a shanty. Can you devise any plan to help them to that \$300? Please tell me if you will be at home week after next.

Yours fraternally,  
Wm. Campbell.

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El Paso County, Colorado Ter'y, April 25  
1870.

Brother Jackson:

Dear Sir:

I have just received a letter from the Rev. E. Strickland late Pastor of Summit Church, Northville, Washe County, Michigan, making enquiry in regard to coming out here. I have answered him and directed him to you. I will enclose his letter to you as from it you will form a better opinion than by anything I could write, as he is a man of some experience and mature age every thing else being right he might be useful in this place. I have been in Pueblo about two weeks ago and Mr. Thatcher asked me if I knew whether a Presbyterian Minister would be sent to Pueblo this summer. I said I did not know but presumed that Mr. More would preach there for the time being; he said that was all right but he hoped that that was only a temporary arrangement; he said that he had no doubt but Mr. More was a very good man but he lacked force and could not build up a lively church and a working congregation; he said that he was not a church member but his parents were Presbyterians and all his sympathies were there and although he attended the Methodist he could not feel at home in that church, but would do all he could to build up the church of his choice, and he thought with a good minister in Pueblo there might be quite a congregation raised soon, and the Messrs. Thatcher are the most wealthy and influential men in that place; there are two brothers.

Since you were here we have had a wonderful time with the Mexicans. They had their Penitential Week; they set up a Cross about a quarter of a mile from the house; had one of them carry the Cross there; they then stripped one of their number on a very cold day entirely naked except a breech cloth, had an ox chain fastened to each foot or ankle, and led him blindfolded to the Cross and back: They then had a kind of paddle that seemed to be made of canvas filled with gravel, or something that was very heavy and whipped themselves on the bare back until their backs were in a gore of blood. It was the hardest sight I ever saw. When I talked to them they said the Priest told them to do it. I have heard and read much of doing penance but never saw anything like this before. These people seem to have no moral sense; a great many of them are

living without marriage, some are married with the alms  
or justice of the peace. They say the Priest charged them from  
\$20 to \$50 for marriage and they can't pay it; and they get  
married for the law that is there that get married at all.

Please excuse this; we are all well. Hoping that you will  
find you and family all well. Blessing, I remain as

Mr. Sheldon Jackson  
Omaha, Neb.

St. Paul, Minn., April 25, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson,

I have your report of the 18th, concerning local organiza-  
tions satisfactory.

As to location of the Board, I hope you will be very early  
at the Assembly and see what is going on. You western men will  
have control in the matter. If you say New York, New York it  
will be. You know how our western people like New York and  
take your own way. I am watching and hoping for  
the West. For the present I do not believe it wise to do  
the removal to the West. Look out for a triangular contest!

I have heard from Carroll about those students, and also  
from Campbell. I think their location all right.

Yours truly,

C. L. Lyer.

I hear favorably from Rayline through Mrs. Taylor.  
As to your invitation to visit you this summer, I thank you. Perhaps I can do so. But you know every  
thing depends on the action of the assembly.

St. Paul, Minn., April 26, 1870.

Brother Jackson,

I am glad to hear that you will be disappointed that I will  
go to Washington territory. I will go as though he felt  
sure of his confidence here--walk over me with inability--  
goes to our churches and look them up ahead--that he will guar-  
antee them through with their building operations, and so on.  
He started east yesterday, to make assurance doubly sure--

To what you think best.

Our negotiations are all right on the location question--  
unless it may be clear from this Presbytery. William of  
Minneapolis. All well.

Truly yours,

C. L. Lyer.

The letter of Fraser to which Mr. Kendall referred, is the  
same as the one I answered to him and to Fraser inclining to  
go out as a local missionary.

St. Louis, Mo., April 26, 1870.

My dear Brother Jackson:

I received your letter of the 20th with application on behalf of Pauline Church, which was laid before the Board and passed this morning. When the Trustees are prepared to sign the enclosed certificate let them return it to me. I am sorry they were not ready to apply on behalf of Ogden Church. I have followed you in your journey and wished I could have been with you. I think I will be out on that road this summer, if I can get a free pass. I am very busy preparing my annual report for press. Hope to see you in Philadelphia as I see you are to represent Colorado on the Rail Road.

Yours fraternally,  
W. W. Wilson.

Columbus, April 23, 1870.

Dear Brother:

The last time I was at Grand Island two weeks ago I found Rev. Mr. Freeman, the Baptist there, who has organized a church of 9 members and had a subscription of near \$100. The storm prevented my meeting and I came away next morning, not expecting to return though invited to come and see the new church.

The next day at Grand Island 10<sup>th</sup> April. We had some trouble to decide the choice of lots for our church at Columbus. I wish very much that you would come up very soon. Mr. Stevens offers us a choice of some good lots and you must make the choice. I will be here next Sabbath. Grand Island is impatient about lumber.

The books and tracts have not come. Come up this week.

I am your Brother,  
J. W. Wilson.

Laramie, April 29, 1870.

Rev. Hophart,  
Cheyenne.

Dear Brother:

I am requested to write you and ask you to come up here by Wednesday of next week and remain over the Sabbath. The way seems open now for the organization of a Presbyterian Church.

Yours respectfully,  
G. W. Lancaster.

New York, N. Y.

286 Lexington Ave. April 29, 1870.

My dear Brother:

My Sunday School have in hand \$50 or \$60 to be used in

helping western Sunday Schools -- or in any other way that you think would interest our children in your home missionary work.

Please drop a line to Mr. Hamilton Odell, No. 56 West 50th Street, giving such suggestions as you are able to in the matter and greatly oblige,

Yours truly,  
J. O. Murray.

Corinne, Utah, April 30, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I feel truly gratified for your word of encouragement. My application to Kendall for a loan of \$500 proved (as probably you are aware) unsuccessful. I did not, in view of the disappointment feel very much elated, more especially when, on paying my bill, I find that I had to pay at the rate of \$18 per week instead of \$15 as before stated. I at once after lightening my pocket of considerably over \$40 for only three weeks board and lodging, told Dr. Graham, and Mr. Taylor, that if some arrangement were not speedily made I should have to leave the place, as I could not pay such exorbitant rates. I am glad I did so, for, as the result proved it awakened them up to such an extent that Dr. Graham before I was aware of it went around and raised over \$300 to put me up a small parsonage at once. They commence building it next Monday, May 2nd. Is not that good? I have also secured (that is by bond, but not deed, until we commence the building of this church) three lots beautifully located, making a square of 132 feet. The centre lot of the three was donated by Mr. John Tierman and the other two are railroad lots. I want you to work with a will to secure us the \$5000. The house is filled every time I preach. Am getting acquainted with the people pretty well, and when once settled think I shall like my new home. At present things are pretty rough. I am now writing on the bed, as a substitute for a writing case. Am much obliged for the Sunday School papers, but Mr. Taylor gets 40 copies of the same paper monthly, donated by a lady of Dr. Burpee's Church, Provo, so that if you could get us some other kind it would be preferable. We have now fifty-one scholars, seven teachers, a superintendent and secretary in our school and hope still to grow. When do you intend starting for General Assembly? Trust you will have a soul-refreshing time there. And that the Master will abundantly bless your efforts to the furtherance of his cause. One of the Commissioners from Ireland, Rev. Robert Watts, D.D., is an old friend of mine. I shall get you to see him for me and report my whereabouts, work etc.

I remain, dear Brother,  
Yours truly,  
Edward S. Bayless.

Oskaloosa, Iowa, May 2, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Owing to the very great scarcity of the sinews of war I am compelled to devise ways and means of economy in every direction. Through the suggestion of a friend I hope to get special rates on my goods on the I. and M. Road.

Can any reduction be got on the Union Pacific N. P. ?

Yours, D. H. Mitchell.

Lincoln, Nebraska, May 3, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I hear from Mr. Kennedy that you intend visiting Baltimore. Perhaps you will attend the Great Assembly--We as a church, are especially anxious to see you before you go. You will be obliged to stage only 25 miles I understand. We will wait probably until June, before commencing to build. We shall

secure nearly \$3,000 here. We need \$5,000. By waiting until June we hope to hear from Baltimore and also from our application to the Consolidated Board on Church Building. Every days delay is a damage to us. The sooner we hear something definite the better. The whole amount of money to be at our disposal should be known before "ground is broken", since the building will be planned according to our funds, in bank. We shall not go in debt one cent, or build upon mere promises. As a last resort we can erect a school house with the means already secured; but we desire a neat attractive building, capable of seating 200. Our lots are worth to-day \$3,000, and we have \$2,000 subscribed. Come if you can; if not please write.

Yours as ever,

D. P. Pack.

Grand Island, Nebraska, May 3, 1870.

Dear Mr. Jackson:

Two weeks have passed, but there is nothing special to report. I have visited a number of families in this place, and have become acquainted with many of the people, but have not had much religious conversation with them yet. I think the door will be open for this at any time. We held two services a week ago last Sabbath. A good audience attended in the morning. At night it rained very hard and but few came.

The church project seems to be at rest. I have persuaded Mr. Mitchell to call a meeting of the trustees this week, and try to raise the money subscribed under their pledge to commence the building or refund within three months. I think we

will see the work progressing before July.

Owing to some misunderstanding (which I am assured will not occur again) the Roman Catholics obtained the house at North Platte last Sabbath morning. I received the telegram as I was buying the ticket Saturday evening, but went up and had a house full in the evening. I think I will generally succeed in finding comfortable lodgings while there, for the two nights each trip. One of the members of the Presbyterian Church in this place, a young German named Cornelius, was accidentally killed at North Platte last week. His remains were brought to this place. My proffered services were not accepted because they wished the remarks to be in German.

I have been led to fear within the last few days that my health will entirely fail, and that the work to which I have given myself, and which I love, will have to be abandoned. I did not anticipate any thing of the kind, or I certainly should not have offered myself. I will continue to do the best that I can however, and trust that it will be acceptable to the Church and to the Master.

Affectionately your brother in Christ,  
Samuel Annin.

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Tuesday May 3, 1870.

Brother Jackson:

Can you not come here and in some way settle this business simply as a business matter. Dr. Chase I learn intends to write to the Assembly and no one understands how matters exist.

Evangelist Potter has been here -- spent Sabbath and abruptly left. Have you heard from my Brother? I have not.

Yours,

J. L. Gage.

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Denver, Colorado, May 10, 1870.

Dear Brother Mitchell:

Do you expect to start a Presbyterian Sabbath School at Central when you get there? If so I can probably help you to 50 or 60 dollars worth of books and papers, as a friend has written me offering that sum for a Presbyterian Sabbath School.

Let me hear from you on the subject by return mail if convenient.

Affectionately your Brother in Christ,  
Sheldon Jackson.

Aye, aye, Sir! The first Sabbath? Already am I negotiating for an organ. And those books, &c., will just come in time -- if they can be sent to Central City free. Most fraternally,  
D. M. Mitchell.

Bellevue, Nebraska, May 4, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

So far, all things move along pleasantly. It will be very hard for me, however, to supply the pulpit twice every Sabbath. Presbytery recommends that I go to Lawrence once in a month and I think I will avail myself of the suggestion. Last Sabbath there was service "to all the churches--ballows either feasts or fasts." I went last Thursday evening to an appointment over the river and found a well filled school house. The man told me that it was the first sermon he had heard in the State; he had been there two years. I attended Sabbath School twice on Sabbath and spoke three times. Monday was not a comfortable day, of course.

I am to change my boarding place to-day--"I'll go to Mr. Petals. He has not a very suitable room, but it can probably be made comfortable, it is rather close to the roof. The people object to my going outside of the church society for a boarding house and are doing for me the best they can.

Presbytery recommends this church to the Board for an appropriation of \$500. I hope these people will care at least the amount I will need at the end of May; if they do not can you make it sure?

Prayer meetings and Sabbath exercises are all well attended. Next Sabbath afternoon I will go out to Lawrence.

A letter from Brother Houshey seems to indicate a trying state of affairs in his situation.

Accept my thanks for the paper--the "Interior", you sent. It has found its way at last; if you can favor Brother Houshey with an occasional number he would receive it kindly. Hoping to hear from you, I remain

In Christian affection and labor, your servant,  
J. S. Weston.

kindest regards to Mrs. Jackson and the children.

Tekamah, Nebraska, May 4, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

I received my books this evening. The gentleman who brought them up from Blair had to pay the freight on them.

Did you forget to pay it? You will remember I left five dollars with you to pay freight expenses. I am sorry I have to trouble you, still 'tis the best I can do, as you did not tell me I was to come here before I left Chicago.

I preached at Fell Creek on the 1st of May, and got four additions by certificate to church at Tekamah from a place called Davis Creek, nearest point of settlement five miles west of here. Those who gave us their letters live 7 or 8 miles west of this place. There are seven or eight Free churches in this



in Davis Creek neighborhood, but about half of them are the psalm singing sort---all were very glad to see me. In all these places the people are poor. I expect to preach at Davis Creek on next Sabbath. There are fewer Presbyterian families at Tekama than at the other two points. Hope Mr. Carroll will come before going to the Assembly. My points of labor are so far apart I wish somebody would make me a present of a horse, though I would rather I was able to buy one.

I am, Dear Sir, very respectfully,  
J. B. Long.

A Baptist preacher has been having monthly appointments here; his day is tomorrow. Brother Peedles from Decatur will be here on next Sabbath also---so I will leave the county seat to them that day and go to Davis Creek.

Corinne, Utah, May 4, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

My goods have arrived; the charges amount to \$49.96. Mr. Kendall wrote that they had made arrangements with the Union Pacific to carry Ministers' freight at half the regular charge; kindly get the half of the above amount returned me as I am greatly in need of every cent I can get immediately. Would you

In much haste; Yours in Christ,

Edward F. Payless.

Madison, Nebraska, May 7, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Friend:

Some few weeks ago I received a letter introducing the Rev. Mr. McCluskey to us, at the time I was completely worn out with strangers, having been sick for nearly two years. I told him that there was but little country to visit, mortified as I have been frequently with the neighbors indifference towards ministers, I talked rather discouraging to Mr. McCluskey but told him to visit Mr. Harvey, which he did. Mr. Harvey and others thought if he taught our school he would introduce himself and get familiar with some, and draw them out. You will know in a mixed community like this, for some reason they are shy, and shy of a minister. I felt like consenting to anything that Mr. McCluskey might gain the people and do the most good. He has now been with us some three weeks; preached and visited among the people, and can say he is liked very much -- and is gaining favor with all. I am trying to get other places for him to fill. Next Sunday he preaches at Pattle Creek about 10 miles west, in a settlement without preaching. I hope he





can get a footing on the Elkhorne. Your letter to Mr. McCluskey was what I had reason to expect from you, but I assure you we are willing to do all we can for him; that he can do the most good, if you take him from us now the Methodists will glory over it. They have divided the Sabbath School and wish to divide everything here. We hope you will let Mr. McCluskey remain here. When you get our church book we hope you will write in it our organization and all, name our church First Presbyterian Church of Madison.

Yours with much love,

H. M. Barnes.

Marango, Iowa Co., Iowa, May 7, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

Your letter was duly received, and yesterday some papers came to hand, for which please accept my thanks.

In regard to Laramie etc., I hope and pray that we may be so directed that we may rejoice in the day of Christ, that we have not run in vain neither labored in vain. Yes, we will take the whole matter into the most prayerful consideration.

We are longing to be soon assured of the way God would have us go. I shall not decide upon any field till after I have seen you and Dr. Kendall.

In haste, with many prayers, that we may all be Divinely directed, I am Yours in Christian love,

F. L. Arnold.

Philadelphia, Pa. May 7, 1870.

My dear Mr. Jackson:

When I heard you were coming to Philadelphia I asked my son to invite you to stay here during the sitting of the Assembly and hope however you will act according to your wishes if you have any other plan for that time.

I received a letter from a lady belonging to the Brainard church in Easton, saying one of their Elders will come to Philadelphia to see you with the view of employing a Missionary to labor on the Pacific Road.

Dr. H. A. Boardman sent a note here asking me to let you know he wants you to make a short address at their Avenue Sabbath School on the 22nd anniversary.

With love to Mrs. Jackson and the children, I am

Affectionately your friend,

H. M. Newkirk.

Galesburg, Illinois, May 9, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find draft of New York for \$18.05 - Eighteen dollars and five cents, the amount of the contributions of the Presbyterian Sabbath School for the month of April. Please acknowledge receipt of same.

Hoping you are well and with best wishes I remain  
Respectfully yours

J. M. Caldwell,  
Sec'y Pres. S. S.

Ashland, Nebraska, May 10, 1870.

Rev. T. Hill,

Dear Brother:

Your answer to my letter was received in due time and I should have written to you ere this but could not get an opportunity. Brother W. F. Smith, who was to accompany me corresponded with Rev. Sheldon Jackson and received an answer requesting us to come to this State to labor during the summer, and it was represented as being a needy and also a promising field. And Brother Smith wrote to Rev. Jackson giving his consent to come here. I desired to be with him and concluded to come here. I came to Ashland last Saturday. It is a small village on the line of Railroad leading from the terminus of the N. and W. R.R. at the River to Lincoln, the capital of this State. They expect another railroad to cross here leading from Omaha to Lincoln. This will make it an important point.

I have been unable to do or see much yet as to what the character of the people is. I have found eight or ten Presbyterians and think an organization will be formed this summer. Our greatest difficulty is in getting a place to hold services. There is no church building, no school house, no public hall, but we hope to find some place in which to assemble. Mr. Smith has gone to Seward in this State. The prospect is rather discouraging now. The Presbyterians are cold and lifeless. I hope to do all I possibly can and look to the Great Head of the Church to guide, direct and bless my labors, and trust some good may be accomplished. Rev. Jackson has gone or is going to Philadelphia and when he returns will visit this field to make the organization. I shall be glad to receive any instruction or help you can give, but I suppose I am more properly to look to Rev. Jackson.

Yours most truly,  
Thomas A. Shaver,  
Ashland, Nebraska.

Atlantic, Iowa, May 10, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson

I hope that you and Brother Carroll will visit Avoca next

Friday and spend the day there. I fear however that you cannot organize a church there yet. It might be possible to do so, but I fear it would be hasty and premature. We have three members there, Mr. Waterman, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Gardiner, and perhaps one or two others might unite with us, but it is doubtful. We can organize there soon. If you think it best to come out on Friday do so. You can bring Mrs. Jones' letter with you I suppose and perhaps her husband would also give you his. I wish you could visit the place any way and when you go East be sure to raise some money for us--both for Avoca and Atlantic. We now have over \$900 promised for the church at Avoca. We have a meeting here tomorrow evening to see if anything can be done. We need help here very much. Can you not do something for us? Let me hear from you.

Fraternally,  
L. Hughes.

Laramie City, Wyo. Ter'y, May 11, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson

I have been here at work for nearly a week past, in trying to get things into running shape. We have three new members now. Lancaster only wrote me at the request of another party--a Mr. Richards, recently come here from San Francisco, Cal. Last night we met and elected Mr. Charles C. Richards, Elder, and the following Board of Trustees: U.S. Commissioner, H.F. Richards, Judge A. C. Brown, W. L. Kerr, Esq., L. D. Pease, County Clerk, and Mr. J. H. Finrock. Judge Brown told me this morning he would have a meeting of the Board this week, elect their officers, and take immediate steps for legal incorporation, and go to business.

The Trustees are none of them members of the church, but are all permanent citizens, in sympathy with our effort, and will doubtless do what they can to make it a success. They will take immediate steps to secure lots for building. The Rail Road have donated to the Baptists half a block, but as this was partly in view of what University St. I don't suppose we can hope for such a donation. We can probably get two or three lots.

Now as to building, you will have to do your very best with our Church Erection Committee, for I don't expect there can be much depended upon here. The Baptists with their dodge of a University have drawn out of most of the citizens almost the last dollar they feel able to give. I presented the matter to them last Sabbath in the best form I knew how, and shall leave the matter to Brother Richards and the trustees to put through.

But I wish to impress you and the Committee with the vital importance of immediately putting a house and a missionary in this place. There are a few good Congregational people here who will go with us if they see there is no prospect of getting a Congregational Church here, as there will not be, if we get a fair start of them. But here was just the error at Cheyenne. The Congregationalists got the start of us, and got some of our sheep which we will never get back again.

Brother Freeman, the Baptist minister, returned from a visit to the East, yesterday, and there is a report this morning on the streets that he has failed to get funds to carry on his work. They have excavated a basement, and laid a foundation for their building; and Mr. Winchard tells me they have not paid for that yet. Should their project "stirle" there will be only the greater necessity of our pushing things through at once, as the Methodists, too, are moving.

The Rail Road Company determined to push this piece forward. They are making arrangements to build quite a number of cottages this summer for employes, and after awhile putting up a new manufactory. We ought to be ahead of all these improvements if possible. But I must close, as I leave on the noon train for Cheyenne.

Yours faithfully,

J. W. Peppart.

P. S. If you should wish to write to the Trustees in my letter, you can address Judge J. M. Brown, and through him learn who the chairman is.

Brownville, Nebraska, May 15, 1870.

Rev. S. Jackson.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a copy of the Resolutions passed by Presbytery in regard to you. I wish they were a little stronger, for then they would more exactly express the feelings of Presbytery towards yourself. I say a little stronger to be sure of being right, but I think a great deal stronger would not be too strong.

The Presbytery of Missouri River, at its session at Clarinda, Iowa, April 30, 1870, unanimously passed the following resolutions:-

Resolved, that Presbytery has heard the Report of Brother Sheldon Jackson's labors with great satisfaction and gratitude to Almighty God, that he has been able to perform so much work in the service of the Church,--and while we regret to part with him we would yet give him good speed in his new field of labor.

Resolved, that the Stated Clerk be instructed to forward to Brother Jackson a copy of the Minutes of the General Assembly of this year as if a member of Presbytery.

John T. Baird,

Stated Clerk.

Madison, Nebraska, May 13, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I received your letter in about eight days after written. I wrote a reply but did not get it mailed on account of the storm and rain. I postponed writing the first of this week for the reason I thought you would not be back from the Assembly until next week or the last of this. I will not endeavor to make a statement of how things have gone with regard to my work.

My reception here was different from what either you or I expected as you no doubt have seen from my first letter. My opposition was from the persons I least expected it. With these persons I contended for the support your letter of recommendation demanded of them. But with all my reasoning they seemed to be ignorant. I must say, of what my work should be with regard to the people or of what my duty was to the Home Mission they must have a new plan of proceeding. Notwithstanding all this I have been attending to the work assigned me. But I have had to do all my exploring on foot. But when I showed them the letter you wrote me they cooled down and are now very sorry for the manner in which they have dealt with me and promise to do all they can for me. They have gone to work and raised by subscription several hundred dollars toward the church organization a school and doing all they can. They expect Rev. Mr. Wilson to come out and hold a communion. But he has given them no word as yet. A new family has moved into the settlement, the family are not all here but will be during the latter part of the summer. They are all Presbyterians. Mr. Mars lives in the settlement. I had a talk with him on uniting with the church. I do not know what his decision will be. Mrs. Hill told me she would unite the first opportunity. There is also a woman on Battle Creek who may unite. There is nearly as large a settlement on Battle Creek as there is here. There is also another on Deer Creek. These settlements are filling up very fast. There is a school house in Battle Creek in which preaching can be held as often as I can preach.

Shall I explore the Elkhorn settlement, regardless of the Congregational minister who lives in Norfolk? Mr. Harvey has just come in. He sends you his regards saying "if you come out he will cook the best he has for you and that you must wash the dishes as he is an Old Patch."

The Methodists of this place have organized a Sabbath School of their own down at F. A. Barnes. I went down and got acquainted with Mr. Trine, their preacher. They all came to hear me preach. Please give such instruction as you think necessary with regard to my field of work. I have a peculiar set of people to deal with -- Some of them are as shy of me, or seemingly as afraid of me as I am of a snake. Some of them work as though it was for life, Sabbath not excepted.

Affectionately yours,  
W. H. McCuskey.



Cheyenne, Wyo. Ter'y, May 13, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I returned from Laramie on last Wednesday, and found your letter awaiting me. I immediately wrote to the Interior, giving them the correction. I regret that the mistake occurred. My impression was that Brothers Wilson and Sutherland were at points in Nebraska not on the Rail Road. Of Brother Amis I knew nothing. Had I been aware of the feeling hinted at in your letter before I wrote to the Interior, it might have been of some advantage to both of us.

In regard to the church at Laramie, I hope the Church Praction Board may see the importance of putting up a building there at once. It is our only hope of success there, under God. I am pretty sure that if the matter is not pushed through at once, the Congregationalists only await the opportunity of our delay. We have now the "inside track" both of them and the Methodists, if we will only keep it. Let the matter, then, be pushed vigorously.

I can write but a note, as I have promised Jackson to paint the cornice to-day. Our church progresses finely, and will be covered by tomorrow night.

Yours fraternally,  
W. G. Kephart.

P. S. I failed in getting a bell, as I had expected from my old home in Ohio. They have built a new church and are several thousands in debt yet on it. I have some hope of getting one through an old friend in Peoria, Ill., from whom I received a letter yesterday.

Belleme, Nebraska, May 16, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

The past two weeks has found enough to keep us quite busy. On the 8th I had no country appointment because our Episcopal Brother Brown had forestalled me at Laramie. We had morning and evening service at the church. I visited the whole Laramie community on Wednesday--found a number of church members but they are all ladies--there is not a single male professor in all the region. I made an appointment for yesterday afternoon but on going down found that the men do not even come to preaching. Railroad stocks are now furnishing large fields for Sabbath day discussion amongst them. We also had service here twice. I feel quite "Mondayish" this morning. Our church is being assailed this morning by a company of painters, who propose a revolution in appearance. We will probably have a siege of "new roof" fencing etc., before the work is complete.

On Thursday afternoon I was called to a funeral of an old settler on the other side of the river but when I arrived (I had to walk all the way--4 miles) the company were dispersing from the burying ground. I was too late. But I went to the house of

application - at a weighty place - and after some conversation read a portion of Scripture (there was a large company there) - and all knelt in prayer - a sight seldom witnessed before under that roof, and then I strove to recommend Jesus and his religion to them. I was not driven out as my predecessor once had been but it secured a time to catch their ears. They asked to have the funeral sermon preached next Sabbath afternoon. I am in a strait what to say at that time.

My health continues good. My calls on the families here are as frequent as I can find time for them, but always short.

Accept my thanks for the "Evangelist".

In Christian Labor, Yours,  
J. C. Eastman.

Madison, Nebraska, May 16, 1870.

Rev. Mr. Jackson,

Dear Brother:

We have a very nice little Sabbath School and stand in need of a few question books of the simplest kind that both teacher and children may be helped in the study of the Scriptures. I wish you could send or have sent, about one dozen for the use of the School; also a few Sabbath School papers; and I will send you the money in return. I wrote you a letter and sent it by Mr. Taylor to Columbus on last Saturday, the 14th. I trust it will have reached you before you get this one. For fear it may be mislaid I will state again the conditions in which I am now placed. When I received and read your letter to Mr. Barnes and Harway, they promised me all the support that they could give. Things are now in a prosperous condition. I have been over this field and also on Fattie Creek. The settlements are filling up very fast and opening up new field for the Gospel.

Yours respectfully,  
W. H. McCuskey.

"Wloyd Valley - La Mars - Plymouth County,  
Iowa." May 17, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I received your favor of the 10th or 12th of May yesterday. The hymn books have not come; the superscription in my headquarters for the present. Address me there till further notice. I hope you may succeed in getting this 268 for four months for me - and if further stay is demanded an equal average. I confess I felt bad and blue when I found you absent, the doubt thrown on my salary, the expensiveness of living and travel, the delay in getting my pass for me is cruel, and Powell's foul ministrations. He it seems thoroughly canvassed the field and as thoroughly disgusted it. At least he was a congregationalist.

I have to do all things worse than at initio.

I preached near Elder Stutz's on Sabbath May 8th, twice to audiences of 11 and 12--addressed the Sabbath School, visited Mars, where I now am, and then went to Cherokee where I preached twice and superintended and addressed a Sunday School in the Old town and lectured on John 10th in the evening in a new store in the New Cherokee--addressing an aggregate of 200 people unusually large congregation for this place. I hope to organize there on the first Sabbath, or near of June, 10 or 15.

Please get me at least one month's pay forwarded immediately from the Board, or more. I'd like the other to be at Nebraska City or Chicago, 1060 North Halstead Street, early in September or before as directed by me, when notification given. Do all you can for us, we are doing all we can for the Master. I preach here next Sabbath.

Ask Brother Carroll to write me immediately, as mails come only once a week here at present till July 15, 1870, letting me know the earliest possible date of his presence at Cherokee for organization. Much depends on prompt action--for our church or Congregational Ours forever! I say, God bless us all.

Yours in Christ and our good work,  
Alex. M. Darley.

Mrs. Jackson: Will please immediately forward this to Mr. Jackson.

Corinne, Utah Terr'y, May 17, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Thinking that correspondence from this the only American and Christian City in Utah would prove of interest to you, I avail myself of this opportunity to note a few items.

Corinne is situate on the Central Pacific Railroad and on the right bank of Bear River, six miles from its mouth where it empties into Great Salt Lake. This river is 200 feet wide here and has an average depth of twenty feet to the Lake, thus rendering it one of the finest streams in the West for the purpose of navigation. In fact it is the navigable river between Sacramento and the Missouri. In the immediate vicinity of the city is the richest portion of Salt Lake Valley, the lands of which are as fertile as those of the far famed agricultural districts of California. This particular section embraces about 500,000 acres, most of which is yet open for settlement under the Homestead and preemption acts, and the lands extend on each side of the river from the great Lake to the boundary of Idaho on the North. A finer field for the farmer and for stock raising there is not on the continent. For instance, wheat produces here at from 60 to 80 bushels per acre, and all other cereals in proportion. Garden vegetables flourish richly, while for the apple, pear, peach, currant, strawberry and other fruits there is no better soil or climate to be found anywhere. The grass is of such a nutritious quality and so abundant that horses, cattle, sheep, etc. find here abundant pasturage. In fact the winters are so mild in this valley that all kind of stock remains out all through the year. Stall-feeding for beef is never resorted to,





nor is it necessary. In the heart of this fine country the city of Corinne is located. It stands exactly on the northern point of the railroad and where all the trade and travel to Montana, Idaho and Oregon diverges from the iron highway. The business transacted here with those places is immense. Large warehouses are being constantly filled and emptied with the merchandise of the East and West, and long trains of wagons drawn by horses, mules and oxen leave here daily with their rich supplies for the North and Northwest. It is computed that the shipments from here to the upper countries this season will exceed eight thousand tons of freight. This extraordinary branch of business brings into requisition everything that art or ingenuity can produce: the fabrics of New England, the machines of the great cities, the implements of husbandry and mining, and all the luxuries that taste and refinement demand. This mighty commerce of the mountains finds Corinne the natural point of transportation and every circumstance goes to show that in a few short years it will become the wealthy metropolis of the hills. So much for surroundings and prospects.

The city itself though a new one (only having been laid out March 2nd, 1869) has yet many features of older places. Large and elegant stores with stocks of merchandise many of which reach over fifty thousand dollars, saw mills, brick yards, shops of mechanics and general industry. The city is incorporated and has its own municipal government. The present population is about twelve hundred and while the noise of profitable energy is heard on every side there is not a better regulated community even in Pennsylvania. It is simply the high civilization of the East carried across the Rocky Mountains, and here planted to take root against surrounding ignorance and semi-barbarism. We have in and around the city some five hundred Indians (Shoshones and Utes), two or three hundred Chinamen, and quite a number of citizens of African descent. Our streets are gay with red blankets, paint and feathers, with beaver hats, blue and purple, and with all the varieties of costume affected by hunters, miners, merchants, ranchmen and freighters of the "superior race."

Education for the young is provided in two well conducted schools, one of the two a select school being superintended by a Miss Turner, a graduate of one of our colleges and a member of our church. In religion however, the place has only fairly started out. The Episcopalians by one of their clergymen from Salt Lake City held occasional services last summer and they are now about to fix a permanent pastorate in Corinne. I took possession of the field in the interest of the Presbyterian Church, the 5th of April last and was well received. The following Sabbath I organized the first Union Sabbath School in the Territory, consisting of forty-one scholars, three teachers and a superintendent, which on second Sabbath increased to fifty-one scholars, eight teachers, secretary and superintendent. The interest and number is still kept up, with the addition of an adult Bible class conducted by myself. The attendance on the means of grace is very good indeed. The people, since I came, have put me up a small but very neat parsonage. The work is hard, but the

prospects are bright. There is a good deal of fallow ground to turn over and cultivate, but the work is the Lord's and the strength comes from Him.

Our needs are, 1st, a good library for the Sabbath School and general reading in the family, as there is a great scarcity of books in the entire Territory. Who will contribute in this direction?

2nd. A good church edifice to seat about four hundred people. We are worshipping at present in the Episcopal chapel, which, as the Rev. Foot is coming to reside here this month, will soon fail us, and we shall have to seek some other shelter. Would it be too much to ask a special appropriation of \$5000 to build the first Presbyterian Church (a Memorial) in this Mormon Territory?

3rd. An Academy. You are aware of the Episcopal policy in this western country of gathering the children into their schools then storing their minds with the church catechism, etc. Now, as I have the ground, and I believe the majority of the people are in favor of our denomination we could readily at very little cost bind them to our interests. We could also draw largely on the Northern territories for pupils. The building could be put up for \$3000. I throw out the hint for your consideration. Now, dear Sir, as I am afraid I have tired your patience, I must conclude, wishing you a soul-refreshing time at our glorious reunited Assembly meetings, I remain dear Brother,

Yours in Christ Jesus

Edward F. Bayliss.

Idaho Springs, Colo., May 17, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

My dear Brother:

Yours of May 9th is at hand. In reply would say that the package of books came promptly to hand and I acknowledged their receipt to the Board of Publication. Many thanks for your kind and timely aid in raising the twenty-one dollars. We have no Sabbath School papers as yet. Have commenced school and have been operating about six weeks; prospects are very encouraging. I have raised about \$40 with which to buy books, but have not yet purchased. Would be glad of any advice on the subject. Am only preaching at the one point (Idaho) for want of a pony. At the time of our Presbytery I had \$150 with which I intended to buy a pony but when I stopped my operations in the mines the money was soon gone for supplies for the family and I am now teaching school. Have preached regularly every Sabbath evening until last Sabbath. The Methodists have commenced preaching and will preach every two weeks. Have been and am still giving a short preach every Sabbath at eleven and close with prayer meeting. All things considering our cause has gained much by my becoming connected with the Presbytery. It is very important for us to try and build a church house soon; I have been trying to secure a lot for the purchase. Any information

on this point will be very useful.  
Yours in Christ's love,  
George Rice.

Lawlins, Wyoming, May 17, 1870.

Rev. G. Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

Enclosed herewith find amount balance due from Citizens here on Church. I have only been able to raise \$22.00, the balance I forward on my own account. Mr. Wilson was absent. Kent and Smith have not paid anything since you were here, the latter has never paid anything at any time.

Mr. Wilson is at present hard up and I think will leave the same to Messrs. Smith & Co. learned by experience in keeping school. Mr. Kendall paid \$20 in addition to the \$20 already paid.

I am satisfied and cannot express my gratitude to you for your efforts in securing to us a Church.

My partner Mr. Francis is South at present, will be married on the 19th instant and will reach home about the 1st proximo, when I'll leave for Kansas. My little sister who I had at school was taken with the measles and died on the 4th instant. Sad news to me. All my interests, happiness and care centered in her. She had been a member of the Presbyterian since 1866 and died shouting the praises of a Savior's love.

Shall try and call on my way to Kansas.

We have not been able to have church but once since you left. Railroad fare is so high we cannot afford to have one come from Laramie or Cheyenne. Amen-- In haste,

Yours very truly,  
Harry C. Hill.

P.S. I send you papers which you can forward to the proper parties. H.C.H.

Memoranda, Lawlins Church.

Contract	-----	\$950.00
Seats	-----	246.00
Cartage and pulpit	-----	41.00
Travel. expenses	-----	150.00
43 days' work	-----	193.50
Bricks & work	-----	30.00
Freight & handling	-----	170.00
Lumber for steps	-----	2.45
Chapels	-----	10.00
Graining	-----	50.00
	-----	<u>\$1842.85</u>
	-----	94.00



Rawlins, Wyoming Territory,

Dear Brother Wilson,

I have been looking over my papers with reference to Rawlins church and find the case standing as I anticipated. I first promised the people there that a friend enabled me to offer a thousand dollars if they (citizens of Rawlins) would raise \$500. Instead of costing 1500 the church actually cost about \$1900 before finished. Notwithstanding this additional cost, I did not require the citizens of Rawlins to do more. But procured the funds in other places and at last made up unpaid balances out of my own funds. The people of Rawlins were to raise \$500. In a joint letter signed by Brothers Hall, Kendall and yourself dated April 18, 1870, you say "We have paid in cash \$200 which includes labor in painting the church, freight and other incidental expenses and now labor under the impression that \$200 will fulfil our part of the contract. If we are right in our conclusion please let us hear from you by return of mail and the amount will be forwarded forthwith." Afterwards Mr. Hall sent me the \$200. I answered that the \$200 would satisfy me, if with the other hundred they were to raise they would satisfy the claims among themselves (the balance of the \$500) including your claim. The failure was at Rawlins, and not on my part as I paid out more for the church than I received from all quarters.

However Brother Arnold now writes me that it is very doubtful whether the people at Rawlins will do anything towards raising the debt. In this posture of affairs although I am probably more pressed for means than you can be, yet I am ready to share the loss with you.

That is if you will give the church a receipt in full and do it willingly without hard feeling. I will bring you \$35 (the half of seventy said to be due you) when I come to Laramie the second Sabbath of January.

Very truly yours,  
Sheldon Jackson.

Coloan, Nebraska, May 21, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

Mr. Welles told us to-day that he would sell us the Congregational church for eleven hundred dollars (\$1100) with all its furniture and one years insurance. I do not think we could afford to buy it. But I wish you were here to help us start now. Our membership will be doubled. The congregational church is entirely defunct. Where is Brother Carroll?

Your Brother,  
Geo. W. Wilson.

Cheyenne, Wyo. Ter'y, May 18, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

David Woodcock, with your letter of the 13th I received one from Broderick Richards, our elder at Laramie. It was written this morning. He says "The Trustees met and incorporated on Monday night under the name of the First Presbyterian Church of Laramie. I suppose Mr. Brown will keep you posted as to all other action taken." Do you see us now business or there. They have probably ere this secured lots. I suppose Judge Brown will advise me as soon as they have done so. I go there again on the 1st Sabbath of June if the way is clear.

By the way, I wish you could get me the best work you can find in Philadelphia on the subject of baptism, as I have none with me on that subject, and if that good baptist brother at Laramie don't keep the peace better I shall have to sprinkle him.

I don't know what to make of the brethren at Rawlins Springs. Two or three times I sent them word that I would come at a given time, and they never could be ready. They were trying (but had not been able) to see the Railroad Superintendent, to see if they could not get a pass, seemingly dreading my Railroad fare. At last Mr. Hall wrote me that unless I could come on the Sabbath he hereby thought it worth while for me to come at all, as he was doubtful about my getting a congregation on a week day.

I then wrote him, that all my negotiations with them had been conducted upon the supposition that it was understood that I was to give them a week day---that you had so intimated to me in a letter written by him and Mr. Wilson, and of course I supposed there was an understanding between you upon that point. I then explained to him why I gave Laramie the preference of the Sabbath. I told him it was important, (as they had a house at Rawlins) that we should get the church under way at Laramie, so as to get up a house of worship there as soon as possible, and then get a man to take the field at Laramie and Rawlins. I never refused to go to Rawlins, but should have gone gladly, as often as they desired it. But I did say to Brother Hall that if they must have me come on the Sabbath, our negotiations might as well come to an end, as I supposed I should have no Sabbath to give them. At that time I supposed our house here would have been ready for use before this time. I think the fact is, they were a little party because I gave Laramie the preference, though my explanation should have satisfied them.

It has cost me about \$40 already to go to Laramie, or which they have paid in collections between ten and twelve. If I had gone to Rawlins too, at the same rate, I should have been at least \$100 out of pocket, and the Secretary says: "The Board will not allow you anything for preaching at those places."

I wrote to my old Iowa church to see if they would not furnish our church with carpet and lamps. My wife writes me that the Minister had taken up a collection for that purpose the Sabbath before she wrote, but she did not state how much was raised. I suppose she had not learned. I failed in Ohio as they were building and were some thousands in debt. I have now written to an old friend in Peoria, Illinois, (who has written me a letter

expressing much interest in religious matters out here) so see if we cannot get one there. I only wrote yesterday, and of course will not know the result for some time. I have several old acquaintances there.

Can't you get a donation of "Hymn and Tune Books" for our congregation in Philadelphia? I hope you will get that organ in New York.

As to Brother Davis and myself, I don't care to make much "fuss and feathers" about my work. I have known hens that wanted to set on all the nests in the henery, and didn't do much at hatching either--they added more eggs than they hatched. But Brother Davis is a hard working man, for Congregationalism. I'm afraid he works harder for that than for Christ.

Yours fraternally,  
W. G. Kenhart.

I have succeeded in hunting up some 12 or 15 families in Cheyenne claiming to be Presbyterians. When we get our church complet, so that I will have some place to invite people to, I shall give Cheyenne a general sifting.

Faston, May 19, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

Your note of the 10th instant has been received and I am most happy to know that you will be at the Assembly. I think that with a little encouragement our people would support two missionaries on the line of the Pacific Railroad for one year at least.

We should be greatly delighted to have you visit us before your return to the West. I shall in all probability not get to the Assembly before Friday morning of next week, and must return to Faston on Saturday. Could you not come with me? The Sabbath following that is May 29th. Would also suit; the first Sabbath in June I expect to be absent, but that is no reason why you might not be with my people on that day. Indeed it would render me good service if you should. If you will consent to come at that time I will notify my people before leaving and you will be well cared for.

Perhaps you could come next Sabbath. If so please write at once.

I am very solicitous that you should visit Faston. Not only because I think you would stir up my own people, but you might direct the minds of many of the young men in the College towards Western fields. A goodly number of them are studying with the Ministry in view. I feel confident you could do a great deal of good there, and if you will authorize me to do so, I will make arrangements for you to take charge of the Sabbath afternoon service in the College Chapel. Wherever you could have all the young men as your hearers.

Dear brother, come to Easton. You will do good I know. Our people want you to come, and they need one of your stirring appeals.

Pardon me for saying that we will take no denial. I shall not be able to get to Philadelphia, as I intimated, earlier than the 27th instant, and will then be so occupied that I cannot have much conference with you. Be kind enough to write when we may expect you.

Yours with respect,  
D. Stuart Parks.

Ashland, Nebraska, May 19, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Brother Smith handed me your letter and other paper when he arrived at Ashland on last Monday or Tuesday a week. I was glad to get your letter for I was troubled somewhat in deciding how to commence my work.

The N. W. and N. Railroad is completed as far as Ashland and will be completed to Lincoln perhaps by July next. Ashland has a population of about 500. They say it has more, but I doubt it. I canvassed the village according to your directions, and the result was that I found one member of the Presbyterian Church in the village. I promised to send for her letter. I found two more. Husband and wife, who had been members ten years ago had no letters. They said they would unite if an organization was made. I found several that were of Presbyterian parentage and training and consequently favorable to our sect. The population is mostly made up of young married couples. There is a Methodist also a Baptist organization in the village. Each claim a membership of 25 from country and village. They have preaching every two weeks each of them. The Congregationalists hold services once a month. They have but few members in town. I held services there last Sabbath afternoon. Had an audience of about 40 and very attentive. They told me they never had any larger attendance; most of the people spend the Sabbath at work or in the saloons. It seems to be a heathen country and town. I have not explored the country much as yet, could not get any conveyance, not a horse to ride, except one day; but by inquiry I have found some ten or twelve members of our church who are not connected with any other and some six or eight who were ours but have gone over to the Congregationalists and Methodists. The Campbellites and the Congregationalists have by considerable the largest membership in the country. These denominations in connection with the Methodists and Baptists occupy all the prominent and most thickly settled portions of the country. Should I also occupy one or two of these prominent points when they have no appointments? Or will I leave them have the field? The Presbyterian members in the country are much scattered. Those that I have found or heard of are situated from three to six miles and one family nine miles from Ashland and the families are from three to ten miles from

It is 9 miles distant.

each other generally. I have made an appointment at Rock Creek school house for next Sabbath. I made it for the purpose of finding out the members in that corner; also that I might preach the gospel to them. I think there are more Presbyterians in the country. I put a notice in the paper edited in the village, of our having secured the court house for the last Sabbath of this month and I hope by that time they will all get to hear of the appointment and will turn out and when services are over I will ask them to make themselves known.

Ashland has no church building and no school house. The Methodists are putting up a church now. Previous to this they occupied a small room above a storeroom but this can no longer be obtained. I preached in it last Sabbath. The Courthouse is in process of erection. It is enclosed now and the court room will be so far completed next week as to be suitable to be occupied. I got the grant of it yesterday for Sabbath a week and perhaps for the summer; that is for every alternate Sabbath, so that difficulty seems to be vanishing. There are not enough houses for the number of people in the village, consequently the houses are crowded very much. I could find no place to lodge in town so I had to go to Mr. Loders. He lives about three miles from town. He was an Elder in the Presbyterian church, but is very old. About 69 I believe, and is growing feeble. My accommodations here are very poor; they have no table for me to write on; have to use a blank book or my knee. People here are crazy to get hold of riches, and seem to have almost forgotten that they have souls to save or be lost. Horses are rather plenty but are in use on the farms and Railroad so that I find it impossible to get the use of one, and to buy I cannot.

I am satisfied if the professing Christians took the interest in the cause which they should I would have a horse whenever needed. I will do the best I can. I feel tempted to hold services in Ashland every Sabbath because I think I could do so much more toward counteracting evil influences and give our sect a start with the others. Perhaps I am wrong. If I should do so I would need to exchange frequently with Rev. Cameron and others. I don't know what is best. But I will not do so for awhile--perhaps your advice is best. I would like to canvass the county and will whenever I can. I think now is the time to organize in Ashland but so far as I can see or judge it will be useless almost to do so unless much labor is put upon it. The town is growing rapidly and will continue to do so most likely. It will probably be a Railroad crossing and it has a beautiful-situation. I have spoken to some about organizing; they think it would do well to do during the summer; but that it should be attended to carefully and diligently afterward. The Methodist minister advised me not to organize, but I could not see as he did.

Mr. Loder will keep me for a while--I would like to get some other place for I am not well suited here. I am afraid half baked and sour bread will make me sick ere long, but I don't know how to better myself nor how long I will be allowed to enjoy what I have yet. But the Lord will provide. Trusting

that the Lord will direct and bless my labors I will cheerfully go forward and do all I can. I need advice and counsel--please give me all you can. I was to have written to Rev. Carroll but as you will be together I will for want of time make one letter do both.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Thomas A. Shaver,  
Ashland, Nebraska.

Laramie, May 19, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

Judge Brown showed me your letter a day or two since and I was glad you urged some action on the part of the Trustees.

They met last Monday and formally organized under the name of the First Presbyterian Church of Laramie.

I do not know with certainty what course they intend to pursue regarding subscription but suppose you will learn from them.

Having the interests of the church much at heart and having conversed with a number that are well inclined towards us I thought I would give you my views and trust you will read them in the same spirit in which they are given.

Circumstances, connected with other denominations, render the success of any plan extremely doubtful, that proposes to call on the community for money towards erecting a church building. Previous to the efforts of the Baptists \$1500 or two thousand could have been obtained by active effort. Now, having seen the many promises of that denomination prove false the people will judge us by the same standard.

Should the good brethren at home appropriate money enough to put up a building I feel confident that the community would willingly fix it up with all needed furniture. Pulpit, pews, lamps, carpet, &c. This could all be done after the material &c. was on the ground or any steps taken that showed some determined action. More than this it would be useless to ask in the present state of business.

I am fully convinced that a minister of the right stamp would gather a congregation larger than all the others put together from among those who do not go to any church now.

The Railroad Company as you probably know, intend throwing in here more men and it is very important that our plans should be so laid as to gather them with us. The collections at first would be small but in a few months would I think go far towards supporting the clergyman.

The Presbyterians will meet with more encouragement than any other denomination from the outsiders if they give any decided evidence of taking possession of the field before the Baptists and Methodists absorb all those who are religiously inclined.

Elder Freeman has persuaded the Rev. Mr. Raymond, the Evangelist,

to come here and hold protracted meetings the latter part of this month and first of June.

That God will grant us success in this effort and induce men to give of their abundance to help our efforts, is the earnest prayer of

Your affectionate Brother in Christ,  
Charles H. Richards.

West Point, Cuming Co., Nebraska, May 22,  
1870.  
Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
My dear Brother:

I arrived here on last Wednesday evening; and found, on looking about the town, that there are eight members of the Presbyterian Church here. The Methodist Episcopal Minister gave me a very cordial reception. I preached for him on yesterday and gave out my appointment for next Sabbath. I will preach here on every alternate Sabbath. I think I shall try what I can do at Pebble Creek, midway between Fremont and this place. The places that we should occupy in this region are so far apart and as I have no horse, I will find difficulty in getting about.

There is no chance for my getting accommodations among the people here. I could not do better than take a room and board at seven dollars per week.

I have received great encouragement already. The young men of the town seem very glad to have me come. The town has about three hundred inhabitants, and rapidly growing. Twenty buildings have been erected since New years. The Methodists have fourteen members, but they have been on the field near two years. The Lutherans have an organization but it is German. And there is a German-English organization calling themselves The Evangelical Church. The minister is a very bigoted German, he told me he did n't think I could do much here. I think taking everything into consideration this is an important point, and our prospects are very flattering. This valley is one of the richest that I have ever seen. There is a perfect stream of settlers pouring in to it. They expect to have the railroad completed to this point by fall.

Remember me to Mr. Carroll and Dr. Beatty. Did you give the Doctor my address? I am anxious to hear from the Assembly.

I shall be pleased to hear from you, to have any advice, or suggestions you may think proper to make.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Josiah Welch.

Laramie City, May 22, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 13th instant duly received and submitted

to Board of Trustees. In answer I have to say that the Board have taken the necessary steps to incorporate under the general Incorporation Act of the Territory and have been promised by the Union Pacific Railroad Company suitable lots on which to build a Presbyterian Church. We have not as yet decided as to the particular lots. The Trustees having had the matter of the erection of a church the present season under consideration are of the unanimous opinion that it cannot be done without very liberal aid from abroad.

The members of the Presbyterian Church in Laramie are few in number and such are their circumstances pecuniarily they would be doing themselves injustice were they to raise any very material sum for this purpose. Our citizens generally have contributed very liberally to other societies for church purposes and are not at the present time either able or willing to do much more in this direction. They argue that we have now in course of erection and are finished churches sufficient to accommodate such a community as ours and there is no good reason why the erection of another church should be undertaken at this time. Taking the world's view of the case we must acknowledge the soundness of the argument.

There are however many reasons why the Presbyterians as a Christian organization should be getting a foothold here and pushing forward the good work.

It is now pretty generally admitted by those acquainted with the general character of this country that Laramie is destined at no distant day to become the most important town on the line of this great Natural Thoroughfare between Omaha and Salt Lake,--surrounded as it is with the best of agricultural and pastoral lands, the great Laramie Plains, with a fine stream of pure water flowing past it for manufacturing and other purposes, with the best of timber on the hills surrounding the Valley and the only timber of consequence for hundreds of miles along the line of the Railroad. The lately discovered gold and silver mines lying back in the mountains make its future prosperity and importance a certainty. Combine with these natural resources the fact that Laramie is the pet town of the Union Pacific R. R. Company, and we think its rapid development and improvement can be no longer questioned.

Other church organizations seeing and realizing the future importance of this point are pushing forward in the erection of their churches and spreading their peculiar doctrines.

Will the Presbyterians alone fail to take a part in this work or will our brothers and sisters in the East by appropriating a tithe of their daily expenditures, for useless luxuries, give us a church edifice where in future days shall many gather together to worship God and offer up Thanksgiving and praise.

Will our friends embrace this opportunity to strengthen our organization and extend its dominion or will others be allowed to reap the harvest?

In behalf of the Trustees I subscribe myself,

Yours very truly,

M. C. Brown.



Seward, Nebraska, May 23, 1870.

Rev. S. Jackson,

Dear Brother:

I arrived here safely on morning of the 12th and immediately took steps to inform the community of my presence and object. Visited all the members of church proper that day and next, save one. There are nine of the original members yet. Mrs. Inlay wife of our esteemed elder, had gone to rest one week before I came. I have found some who have been educated Presbyterians and some who have been united with Presbyterian church in the east; though only two or three of this latter class. The printer of our Seward Company Paper in this place is a young man and member of our church. He is from Xenia, Ohio. The people received me very kindly and continue their kindness. The Presbyterians were very much rejoiced in the arrival of a Presbyterian Minister. I preached the first Sabbath in afternoon and last night as 7 1/2 to a very good audience. The house was crowded not much more than one hour getting in. It is a small school building not holding more than forty. We will organize a union Sabbath School next Sabbath and it will be held just before my service, on the days I preach. I intend preaching here only on alternate Sabbaths when I get my points arranged -- Preached at Camden 15 miles from here yesterday morning (22d). There are no Presbyterian families there that I could find. Attendance good for the place and the house, old school building which will not hold more than forty. Will preach 2nd Sabbath of June there and in P. M. in Milford. Did not find any Presbyterians in Milford. Am going down some time soon to canvass surrounding neighborhood. I like the field as well as I could expect. Seward has about 120, Milford about 75, and Camden about 50 inhabitants. I have been kindly taken care of every place but I like the Seward people the best. Received "Interior" for which am much obliged and many grateful tokens and letters giving the pleasant operations of the East. We have two mails per week. Saw Mr. Pack in Lincoln; he gave me much encouragement and some good instruction. Heard from Mr. Shaver--he is getting along pretty well--will have a full letter for you by the time you reach home. I find it is necessary to have well prepared discourses for this people in Nebraska as well as in Pennsylvania. Methodists have preaching here every alternate Sabbath in morning and Baptists every alternate Sabbath in evening. Their arrangements having been made necessitated my preaching here in the afternoon. Methodist at Camden and Milford alternate Sabbaths, Congregational at Milford every Sabbath morning and alternate Sabbaths in afternoon. I think I will preach up above Seward somewhere soon. Am going up in that direction to-day.

Your Brother in Christ,  
George I. Smith.

Cheyenne, W. T. Ter., Nov. 22, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson.

Our church progresses finely. It is all boarded except a part of the front and tower, and has its first coat of paint. I have done nearly all the painting, as far. The draftsman was a bit careless in the proportions of the vestibule which we had discovered till they came to put on the roof, when they discovered that it had been his draft 4 feet shorter than the foundation plan, which so it had to be altered. The result was, that the roof of the vestibule (to maintain the proportions) had to be made so much higher than to allow the inside window above so low, so that the eaves of the roof of the main building came across the top of the window, so that we shall have to either put in stained glass, or otherwise screen the upper part. I am not at all sure as to how the stainers. It was a great blunder in the drafting, but discovered too late for a remedy. Still, only a practical architect could probably notice the mistake but for the timbers crossing the window. A stainer would notice the same very much. Our glaziers have completed the leading, and are waiting for the glass which will be ready before Friday.

I believe I wrote you that I was trying for a well in Peoria Illinois. I have not yet heard from the friends there. I believe too, I wrote you that my old church at Kewanee had given me some assistance (at least some assistance had) that they would furnish lamps and lamps. They did take up a collection and I have heard of some of their own willingness, without having seen the list to us, and so I declined accepting it for this church. It is an old trick of that church to keep up a great deal of outside show, at the least possible expense to themselves. They would be much gratified to be able to say "We helped to build the Cheyenne Presbyterian Church." and from the abundance of their wealth they had contributed just about a half dime to the work!

I shall visit immediately to one or two churches in Ohio where I hope to be more successful. In the next time, can't you make some arrangements with the Philadelphia to get especially lamps sent to us from thence? I think it will be impossible to get the lamps themselves from the churches to which I expect to write, as they are interior village churches, and inconvenient to my town where such lamps could be provided. Besides, I should like to have you send me her as soon as you have all bracket lamps, as the Congregational church here, or elsewhere for the articles. If we have chandeliers we shall need six bracket lamps in addition -- two for the back of the pulpit, two in front of the gallery and two in the gallery. We found the space under the roof of the vestibule entirely too small for a gallery. It furnishes just about a good niche for an organ. So we have extended a four-foot gallery clear across the church in front of the space below; we thought it was the best thing that could be done. I think, too, it will look better.

The Methodist church frame is up. They proceed slowly, having out but one or three carpenters (and they very indifferent)

at work upon it. I guess they are a little cramped for funds. Our church is the center of attraction. We are much pleased with it, and I only hope we shall not commit the foolish and wicked mistake of worshipping the temple rather than the God of the temple.

Our seats have not come yet, but it is just as well, as we are not ready for them. I am happy to be able to make the pleasing as well as astonishing announcement to you, that Lyman Bridges has at last honored one draft by paying it, viz, that for freight on the lumber. So Mr. Thompson informs us. Will you be out as soon as it are ready, to dedicate our house? When you come make your arrangements to go with me to Laramie, and see the people there. I go there next Sabbath.

Yours fraternally,  
G. K. Kerner.

Nebraska, May 27, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I am very thankful for the papers you have been sending. I have enjoyed them very much. Had been taking the Presbyterian but time was nearly out, expires when I left Seminary, so did not have the address changed. I intend sending for the Interior one of these days. Sent to Chicago and got me a splendid Comprehensive Commentary since I came here--6 volumes. A new compilation of Scott, Henry, Dodge and all the great Evangelical theologians, but mainly first class.

Well, my one Klubb at this place, who is also the hotel keeper and at whose house I live, thinks I am having a good influence here. The people turn out to preaching as well as I could desire. When I preach here the school house is full. I teach the Bible class at Sabbath School. We gave a good large Sabbath School. I have started a weekly prayer meeting, and at it I give them thoughts for Sabbath School teaching. I give an exposition of lessons for the following Sabbath. Thought of this plan because teachers are not well posted, and also they did not keep the same plan, but each took one part some another. Am going to try this plan of opening up the lesson, but will be governed by circumstances. The men here are awful wicked; they are wretched people--nearly all of them get drunk. Mr. McCordish says this is the hardest place in Nebraska. There is no church building here and no prospect for one. A few Lutherans put a few timbers together some years ago but the sills rotted before they could complete the building. A wind came this way two weeks ago and blew and smashed the wretched thing down. I preached a sermon last Sabbath morning on the necessity of having a church building. "Let the house of God be builded in his place." Verse 5:15. It was received very favorably. I know this for some of these people come to a man and tell him how

be preached. There is no house of worship here dedicated to the Lord. Had we a church building I could do more good; the people would take more interest in coming out. I am pretty sure had we a church erected we would draw the farmers from five, six, and seven and even ten miles around. Then Presbyterianism would have a chance to be built up here, and to flourish. As things are now the people are imbued with infidel notions and all the miserable issues that usually spring up where there is no church, no regular gospel ministry. Did a church building but once loom up here, then these Antichristian heresies would disappear. Please tell me what you can do in reference to a church building here. They have no lumber, no signs of a church building at Bell Creek. You were wrongly informed about them having lumber on the ground. I go to Bell Creek next Sunday and will in the afternoon preach at Davis Creek.

Very respectfully,

J. P. Long.

Interrog. I see nothing inviting here to bring a young wife to such a place. J.B.L.

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Galesburg, May 28, 1870.

My dear Son:

I thought I would write you a few lines this afternoon, although I suppose your time and attention is so fully taken up that you do not feel the want of letters, and have no time to answer them. My thoughts are with you much of the time. I feel that you have a difficult and very responsible position, it is my daily prayer that you may have wisdom from above to guide you, and that you may have large measure of the spirit of your Master--these alone can enable you to fulfill your duties acceptably to God and man. I feel quite interested to know where your lot is to be cast.

We have received three copies of the Union Reporter; did not get one last night. I suppose the Schenectady people will feel quite honored that their Pastor was chosen Moderator of the Assembly. I suppose Louise told you she is coming home next month I hope you intend giving us a call. The weather has been very comfortable, and pleasant the past week; it is rather dry for strawberries. I had a letter from Mary, they were all well.

With much love

Your Mother.

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Cheyenne, Wyo. Terr., May 31, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I spent the Sabbath at Laramie, and was very much encouraged. I had quite a good congregation in the morning, and the house was quite full at night. The attention, too, was excellent throughout.

All that Presbyterianism needs now to make

it a success at Laramie is a good, faithful pastor, a commodious house of worship, and above all, the Holy Spirit.

The Occident of San Francisco, copying from the Sentinel the notice of our election of officers at Laramie, gives Mr. Richards, our new elder, quite a puff, and testifies to his zeal in the Christian work while in San Francisco.

I find that both Judge Brown and Brother Richards are in correspondence with you in relation to church matters, and therefore you will probably be kept pretty well posted therein without any thing from me.

The Baptist "University" bubble seems to be pretty effectually "busted." It was a little too suddenly and "muchly" inflated. I wonder that Freeman had not sense enough to see from the beginning (especially as he had had some previous experience, having killed one institution before he came out here,) that he nor his church never could realize the promises he was making to the people. As he is not a natural-horn fool, it is difficult to clear him of suspicions of dissimulation and dishonesty. But he seems to have gone to Laramie with the intention of getting the start of every body else by a coup de main, or coup d'etat, or both combined; relying upon his wits to carry him through when his deception was made manifest.

His worldly policy has succeeded so far as to get him a meeting house at the expense of the citizens, with a whole block of ground from the Railroad Company. But now comes the reaction which falls not upon himself alone, as it should, but to some extent upon Christianity itself. It has made the people extremely shy of all church projects. Three men subscribed \$500 each, on the strength of the "University" promise, who would not probably have subscribed over fifty or one hundred at the farthest, to a church alone. Some, I am told, subscribed even beyond their ability to pay.

The Methodist brethren also obtained from the Railroad Company a donation of two lots for church purposes. They, too, for the present it seems have abandoned the project of building. All these things react against us in building. The Railroad Agent says (and he is one of the \$500 subscribers to the Baptist ground), "I will pledge you my word that whenever you are ready to build you shall have the lots, but we have been bitten twice already and I shall make no more such grants till I see some tangible evidence that the work is to be done."

Brother Richards says a citizen whom he approached with the subject, said to him: "If I can see your church going forward in responsible hands, I have something to give toward it, but you don't catch me in such a snare as Tuber." That Tuber is another of the \$500 subscribers to the Baptist fund, who has also furnished them with lumber from his mill at Sherman. These instances will indicate how sorely the people feel; how suspicious they have become of church projects; and at the same time show how vastly important it is that we should make a decided strike at this opportune time. If we can now show them that Presbyterianism is something more substantial and reliable

I think the reaction in our favor will be all that we can desire.

I need hardly remind you that the failure to build the house in Cheyenne last year, and the running away of Brother Gage and Peck from the field, made just such a reaction against us here, as the Baptists and Methodists are feeling at Laramie now. I hope the Board will not repeat the mistake at Laramie. Let a house—a house every way creditable to our body—be put up at Laramie at once, if every dollar has to be paid out of the erection fund. There is nothing like seizing opportunities, especially in these new settlements. Don't forget Cheyenne in the next time.

Yours fraternally,  
W. G. Esphart.

New Jersey,  
Belvedere, May 30, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I received your note with much pleasure and I assure you the object of it is one in which I am much interested. I expect to see my father on Friday when he starts for his Western trip. I will show him your note and do what I can to interest him in this matter. I will also write to Hon. Oakes Ames and enclose it with your note, and my husband says he will deliver it, and bring it up in the railroad meeting they are to hold next week, and he will urge Mr. Ames himself.

So we will do what is in our power and shall feel amply repaid by having another labourer for Christ in the desolate West.

It gives me much pleasure to hear that you think of visiting Belvedere and that we shall hear from your own lips of the great good that has been accomplished and the greater good that is yet to be done. My husband leaves for the West this week but unites with me in a cordial invitation that you will make our home your home while you are in our town.

Yours very respectfully,  
M. Annie Blair.

Asklund, Nebraska, May 30, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

Thinking that perhaps you would soon be returning home from the General Assembly and come to visit us here at Asklund I thought it best to write to you again. I have been unable to get a horse to use except for a couple of days without I would pay well for it, which I could not do. But I can say that I have explored the country in most part for five miles around the town. Either by visiting them myself or by having others

enquire and by enquiring of myself. The results are about as follows:

Two members in town, one male member may remain a week or may not. A transient man, one lady, her husband is of Methodist training. She will unite with us in hopes of his coming with her, as he is not a professing Christian as yet, but a promising man. One member is expected to come here this week from Rev. peck's church, Lincoln. Whether he will remain over six months remains to be determined. In the country within a radius of five miles I have found 12 members, 4 males and 8 females; one an elder formerly; a man of 70 years of age and quite feeble. Two other males have grown cold; cannot hardly get out to attend church, and don't care much about it. The fourth is now an active member in the Methodist church but says he will return to the Presbyterian soon after an organization is effected. He is a very energetic Christian man. It would be a great relief to me if I only had him to share my burden now. There are two or three others I think who will unite with us soon were an opportunity given who are now members of other churches. I preached twice in Ashland and once at Rock Creek school house. All the prominent places, in fact all the places where preaching services can be held in the surrounding country for five or ten miles out are occupied by Baptists, Methodists, or Campbellites, or Congregationalists, with one exception, that is on Waloo Creek. I intend going to visit them and explore that valley for some 15 miles next week, providence permitting. The Methodists and Baptists are building churches here. The former now hold their services in the parsonage. The Baptist minister and I have secured the use of the court house for the summer. I will have it on the first and on the third Sabbath of the month. We have temporary seats just. The house is not completed yet. I have had so far so much better attendance on Sabbath than any of the other denominations, hope it will so continue. I believe a good earnest minister by the blessing of God could soon have a prosperous and flourishing church here if he would commence and continue, say for a year or more perhaps. The Methodists and Baptists are at variance. I can't walk with the Baptist comfortably--too slow and too egotistical, here at least, but I will endure for awhile as I think it policy to do so. I had to leave my boarding place on account of sickness in the family; was not sorry that I had to leave, but had no place to go to but the Hotel. I have been here one week, pay \$7. I expect to move out to Mr. Rouse's to-day. They are just completing a new house at the border of the village. I will get lodging with them and all necessary things at \$5. per week. I think it would be best to have an organization here, but it would be still more desirable to have a permanent minister. Wickedness abounds fearfully, and the present organization of church has but little influence apparently. I should be very glad to receive a letter from you soon. I feel as though you are the one to whom I am accountable and I look more especially to you for direction. I wish very much I had seen you before coming on here. I should write to Rev. Carroll but time is precious

and much to do. One letter will do both of you. I will send this to Council Bluffs as you will be leaving Philadelphia before it reaches that point. If you can do anything towards or give me any information as to whether I can get reduced fares on the Burlington and Missouri Railroad or Chicago and North Western, or any eastern Railroad, - I would be much obliged if you would do so for me.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Thomas A. Swaver.

Lincoln, Nebraska, June 1, 1870.

Dear brother Jackson:

I know not whether this will find you at home or not, but we are in haste to know what our prospects are regarding the \$1500 for which we made application to the Board. We have chosen a plan and received the bids on the same. The building capable of seating 243 persons will cost \$5000. \$2500 raised here, and lots to the value of \$1000 donated by Mr. Harvey of Baltimore, gives the limit of available funds \$3500 with \$1500 from the Board we shall be able to dedicate the little house to the Lord free from debt.

I write at the request of the Elders and Board of Trustees, and you will relieve us of much anxiety by a speedy reply.

We should be glad to receive any assurances you may be able to give us - though the Board may not have had a session and also the modus operandi of securing their appropriation.

We should also be glad to have a visit from you. Our building is to be completed by October 1st, or we forfeit our subscription.

With love to you and yours, informing you that we have a little son, born on the 3d anniversary of our wedding (May 25") .

I am yours as ever,  
H. P. Peck.

Grand Island, Nebraska, June 1, 1870.

Rev. Mr. Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

I have had no report of sufficient importance to send to Philadelphia. I have preached twice each Sabbath during the month of May, each time to a very fair audience.

There is no special religious interest manifest in either place but the people seem to listen and we hope for better things. I have continued to do a little visiting, not as much as I thought I should when I came here, nor as much I judge as to satisfy father Mitchell, but as much as I have considered best for the cause, under the circumstances. Mr. Mitchell has thought best to defer a collection for a little time, and if



it is convenient I would be glad to receive \$25 or \$30.

The board at North Platte will be paid. "Small favors thankfully received." They may do more after a few weeks.

I am staying now with Rev. Mr. Margrett. He moves, and I will have to find a new place next week.

Please remember me very kindly to Mrs. Jackson.

I remain sincerely your brother in Christ,  
Samuel Annin.

Valmont, Colorado, June 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Brother:

I write to say that I wish to change my field of labor from St. Vrain to Golden City. I went to Golden City last week and preached morning and evening. I found that the Episcopalians had stolen your Elder and I thought it time to look after the rest of them. I am to go there next Sabbath and administer the sacrament. The Methodist minister wished me to have a union service in his church and administer the sacrament to his church also.

I think I can find a number of members to unite by letter, and some on profession of faith.

I shall move my minerals to Golden City and if I can change my field of labor there also, it will suit me well, and I think I can do more good there. If you have not got a man appointed for them, it will be easy to make the change. Shall be glad to hear from you soon at Golden City; also to see you as soon as may be.

Yours respectfully,  
Lewis Hamilton.

Cheyenne, Wyoming, June 3, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I drop you a note in relation to the seats. Johnson says you told him you did not intend Bridges to do that, and that you would attend to that as you went through Chicago.

By the last of next week the house will be completed ready for the seats, and we should have them here.

Johnson says Bridges writes him that he will be out here next week, and expects to have the house accepted while he is here. Who is to accept? As you are the contracting party, I don't suppose any body here will take the responsibility of accepting for you. If we are satisfied with the job, all we can do is to tell him "Barkie is willin'" and turn him over to you.

I have once more written to Rawlins that if they will bear my expenses I will go there next Sabbath (i.e. tomorrow week). Next Sabbath (tomorrow) two weeks, I go again to Laramie.

As to Greeley, Brother Brown who with Mr. Thompson has contracts there for building, &c. told me he thought there was a Presbyterian minister with the colony. He is there now,

and says he will make inquiry as to the facts. They have had preaching here several times. I cannot visit them unless I can get a pass, as the fare on the Denver Pacific is nearly double the full fare on the Union Pacific R. R. Full price to Laramie and return is \$9.50; to Greeley and return \$14.00. There is no arrangement that I know of on the Denver Pacific Road for even half fare tickets.

Yours fraternally,  
W. G. Kephart.

P.S. There is an old friend of mine in the Assembly, Dr. W. F. Wilson, of Southern Ohio, (President of Synod) - would you want him give for me a hearty

Laramie, June 3, 1870.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Brown brought me cheering news from you yesterday. I am glad to learn that we shall have a pastor. Both Mr. Brown and myself wrote you concerning the church and directed to 1200 Arch Street, Philadelphia. You make no reference to having received them.

Our prayer is that our more prospered brethren in the East will assist us in building a place in which to worship.

Yours fraternally,  
Charles H. Richards.

P. S. We trust that the first time you come this way you will stop and be with us on the Sabbath and celebrate the Lord's Supper

New York, June 1, 1870.

Rev. S. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I am delighted by the Teachers of the Brick Church Sunday School to remit to you the funds now in need to be used as you remarked in your letter of the 11th of May. You will please find enclosed Mr. Abner J. Ely's check No. 20561 on Metropolitan National Bank certified as good for seventy-eight and 28/100 dollars (\$78.28).

Our school closes tomorrow although we have had a small school this season yet it has been very pleasant and I hope profitable to many. Please acknowledge receipt and oblige,

Yours most truly,  
Francis G. Ely.

P. O. Box 1470, New York.

Central City, Colorado, June 5, 1870.

Dear Brother:

My wife dreads so greatly to be left alone at night just now and here - my absence in her present nervous condition and the surroundings of this place, is so trying and heartfelt too that as the time nears I have decided to forego my visit to your home for the present. Regretting the necessity which prevents us from meeting Mrs. Jackson now, and hoping to take you by the hand ere long, I am

Your Brother,  
D. H. Mitchell.

Later: Yours of the 4th January is here. Was ready to start for Golden City in the morning. Hope Brother Henry will stick there.

The friend I was expecting to meet in Denver is coming on here, and the trial of leaving my wife alone gives me pain.

I am sorry to say that I know nothing of Golden City - saw no book. The book for the church at Grovetown you put into my hands at Valmont, but of the other I heard nothing. Hope it will come to light.

We are having good meetings during the week in which the Methodist and Congregational churches unite. Brother Hamilton and myself by invitation assist.

May the kingdom come -

Very affectionately,  
D. H. Mitchell.

Nebraska,  
Madison, June 6, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I will now endeavor to write you a full letter. I wrote to you a few lines on last Thursday evening while at the post office in order that you might hear from me as I promised every two weeks. If it takes a letter as long to reach you as it does me to reach me from you, you will not get my letters for eight or ten days after I have written. I have an opportunity to send this one to Columbus on tomorrow. I am preaching once every two weeks here at Madison and preach on Battle Creek and wherever I can get a hearing the remainder of the time. I have not yet had an opportunity to preach at Norfolk but I intend on going up there this week and remain there for several days and preach wherever I can get to. The Congregational Minister I understand has not been making much progress. On Battle Creek and Deer Creek they are mostly young men without families and a good number of them are Germans, a few families are of the Lutheran Church. There is also a Methodist preacher who has lately moved into the settlement; he lives about seven miles from the school house in which I preach. Mr. Teigen lives near the school house. He and wife are very clever and pretty well off, but as for the rest of the settlers they are generally very poor, for they are generally of the poor class who come here.

As for Union Creek, I hardly know what to say. The Methodists and Presbyterians have got up quite a confab. I am afraid they are going to be like the Jews and Samaritans, have no more dealings with each other. The Methodists organized a Sabbath School down at the Lower Barns and then demanded their share of the money which had been raised in the Sabbath School last summer. They hold their Sabbath School in the forenoon and we in order that they might have an opportunity to attend ours, hold ours in the afternoon. I also have preaching in the afternoon in order to accommodate them, but all that we can do does not satisfy them. I guess they are afraid that the Presbyterians will get a church built here. I have taken no part in their contention as yet, my design is to do all the good I can and keep peace as far as possible. Notwithstanding these obstacles Mr. Barnes has got a subscription of over \$700 toward the erection of the church.

I requested you in one of my letters to send me a dozen of question books for the Sabbath School. We sent for Sabbath School papers and now have sufficient to supply all the children. I expect I shall need some money before I leave the field, so if you will have an opportunity of sending with any one do so.

Affectionately yours,  
Wm. H. McCuskey.

Madison, Nebraska, June 2, 1870.

Rev. Mr. Jackson:

I am now at the office. I expected to have received a letter from you but did not. I have written you two letters and do not know whether you got them or not.

I preached last Sabbath on Battle Creek. I am getting along finely now. I have not time now to write you but a few lines I will write you in a few days.

The mail goes out but once a week. My mail comes around by Norfolk and causes delay.

Yours truly,  
W. H. McCuskey.

Golden City, Colorado, June 6, 1870.

Rev. S. Jackson,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

manifested in religious matters, Since you were here there has been considerable feeling especially during the stay of Rev. Mr. Pattie. I have no doubt if he had the right kind of a clergyman here a Presbyterian church could start with some promise of success. The people here desire a real live man, no drone. They are anxious to hear from you. The Rev. Mr. Hamilton preached here on yesterday and will next Sunday again; he is very anxious to come here, but I am not of the opinion he would be acceptable to the people. I told him that the members here had agreed with you to procure a minister and it would be impossible to enter into other

arrangements till we heard from you. In fact they do not want Mr. Hamilton at all. I did not know but what Mr. Hamilton had been writing to you on the subject, hence I thought it necessary to write you on the subject. Please let us hear from you at your earliest convenience.

The Railroad will be done here this fall and I think it advisable to have a preacher here before we have a great influx of people, which are expected.

Yours truly,  
A. O. Peterson.

Corinne, Utah, June 8, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I see in the General Assembly reconstruction of Synods that all the churches west of the Rocky Mountains are included in the Pacific Synod. Shall I not, therefore, have to connect myself with the Presbytery of Nevada, and for this purpose write the Presbytery of Des Moines for my letter of transfer? I just make this inquiry because as the Synod meets on the 15th of July there is not any time to be lost. An immediate answer will greatly oblige,

Yours in Christ Jesus,  
Edward F. Baylies.

Laramie, Wyoming, June 7, 1871.

Sheldon Jackson,  
My dear Brother:

I have returned from Evanston and found matters very hopeful. In the subscription they have circulated Mr. Lee copied your letter and headed the paper with \$1000. The Evanston people are much pleased with your letter in the Evangelist. Messrs. Morris, Cain, Brown, Lee, Tooty, one of the Mill men, and one of the proprietors in the Coal Mines are our trustees. I shall send a copy of our organization. We have the best men in that vicinity and all are very friendly. They want to know when this \$1000 can be had. I wish we could get a part of it soon then the work would go right along. If this should fall then we are down -- now the entire people have full confidence. The M. E. have a minister on the ground, but if we can go right to work then we shall do well. They have \$480 and Lee said he will make up the deficiency. I am confident that others will give, but as I said, if we fail, or disappoint them in regard to the \$1000, we might just as well give up? I wish you could go there soon--your presence would do much to encourage them. Evanston is truly to be a very important town. May God make us all very wise and very humble; then we shall not in vain neither labor in vain".

Mrs. Arnold sends kind regards. Please inform when Dr. Kendall is to be here, he must go to Huttons Cattle, only a few miles from town. This firm alone 30,000 head of cattle.

I see I have written upon paper I had used, I have not time to copy, so please excuse. The wedding at Fillmore takes place to-day, over 70 are invited. I wish you could have been present. God bless you.

In haste your brother in Christ,  
L. L. Arnold.

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Cheyenne, Wyo. Ter., June 8, 1870.

Brother Jackson:

I enclose report and add I am sick, was sick at Laramie. Col. Davis, the Congregational minister, has not preached yet. He is a good man. The officials like him. I had a little difficulty in getting our Committee to begin work. They thought of waiting--But they are in now, and are excited and interested. \$900 was obtained in one hour in \$100 and \$200 subscrip-  
tions and \$350 promised in \$50-- not put on paper, till the \$100 verse  
are obtained. s in-

The Congregational minister encourages his people to ex-  
tend \$5,000. terest-

If you can't get the money, can you get the lumber on credit? We can attend to workmen's bills for a time. Mr. Beal thinks in a half day he and Mr. Freshaw can increase the subscription to \$2500. They start out tomorrow morning.

Congregationalists organize Sabbath next. I am becoming interested in Cheyenne. I write on the bed.  
Box 107. John L. Gage.

\$1800 have been subscribed and the work not completed by several hundred dollars.-----

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Philadelphia, Pa., June 9, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Presbyterian Rooms, 30 Vesey St. New York.

Dear Sir and Brother:

The Clinton Street Presbyterian Church and Sabbath School have made up a contribution of Fifty Dollars in answer to your appeal of last week, (but not for repayment of Melodeon), it is made with the condition that it shall be used in missionary work on your special field, as you may think best, and we should be very glad to receive a letter from you when you shall have so used it. I enclose it herewith in my Check on Philadelphia Bank to your order.

Wishing you all prosperity in your work, I remain

Very truly yours,  
H. L. Lipman.

30 West 14th Street, New York, June 10, 1870.

My dear Sir:

Referring to our conversation during your visit to New York in the spring, and on the subject of employing students during the vacation in mission work, I feel some embarrassment in relation to the General Assembly. A pretty strong, and it would appear, proper representation is made in the Report of the Board of Domestic Missions on the subject of independent appeals for one part of the field; and a resolution was made to sanctioning the employment of licensed students after the second year at the Seminary, when approved by their Presbytery and directed by the Presbytery of the bounds. Does your labour come under the former of these, or are now in connection with the Board? And would preachers such as you spoke of to us (at the Ministers' meeting) come under this (second) rule? Because loyalty to the Church seems to require our attention to these things. I should be glad to hear from you ere I leave on the 15th if possible.

Yours faithfully,  
J. Hall.

Pastor Fifth Avenue Presbyterian  
Church, New York City.

Galesville, Wisconsin, June 11, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Brother:

I had intended writing to you when at the General Assembly at Philadelphia, but owing to my absence in Minnesota, I have been prevented. We are greatly in need of a bell for our church, and I knew of no one who would be able to do more for us in that way than you. Our bellry has been completed and a debt of \$500 paid on it due to Brother Frothingham's family. The weight of the bell we require would not be over 500 or 525 pounds.

Do you not know of some church East that you could interest in our behalf? Our ladies aid society is doing what it can to make the church a home for the people, but we are unable to obtain money for the purchase of a bell.

Our church is still small, but God has blessed us in spiritual matters, and we are looking for a number to unite with us at our next Communion season.

I am waiting to hear from Father and know where he expects to go. If he remains in St. Louis, I shall go west in the fall, somewhere in the bounds of your missionary labors.

I visited Rochester and spent a Sabbath there two weeks ago. Brother Killen seems to have good congregations and I think is encouraged in his work. He has lost some of his members but received others from the Pyota Church.

The latter church has been reduced to four members. Brother Mercer's church at North Bend has the frame-work erected and will be finished by August or September.

I read your letters in the Presbyterian, Evangelist, &c.,

with interest. I trust you may be blessed in your arduous labors, and win many souls to the Master. I should be glad to hear from you when you can find time.

Yours truly,

H. R. Wilson, Jr.

Nebraska,  
Ashland, June 13, 1870.

Rev. Jackson,

Dear Brother:

Since I last wrote to you I have spent some time in exploring the country round Ashland. I preached yesterday in a school house about eight miles from this place up the Wahoo valley. They want preaching there. A Methodist preaches there every three weeks. People are Methodists and German Reformed. One, perhaps two Presbyterians. I will preach there again in four weeks. I have ten names on the paper asking for an organization in Ashland. One more is to be added yet but had not the paper with me. There are some others who are undecided what to do. If an organization was made I think our number would soon be increased to twenty. Some I think will come to us from the Methodist and Congregationalist churches who were formerly with us. Perhaps we should not depend on them. We have no good active man to take hold of the work. This is our greatest hindrance. Some have held their letters for five or six years. Some brought none with them and have been away from church for a similar length of time. I don't know anything about making an organization -- have no book of church government with me, and I don't know what is necessary in order to make an organization. I know some material will be necessary. I should like to know beforehand a little of what the proceedings will be. I can't get the people in the country to attend church. Say their horses are not shod. I will have to go and make a special request of them to be present at the organization and feel they of the time. To do this I will have to visit them at their homes. All is going on as usual. I have a good place to lodge you. People here are scared considerable about the small-pox. It is confined to the houses as yet. It is to be hoped it will spread no farther. I should be glad to have you come soon, if you think it best to organize here. Some of the members want it. All of the male members think it best not to organize. I would be glad to see you here so that the matter could be decided. Perhaps they would then go to work. I don't want to remain longer than the 1st of August, and perhaps I will want to leave sooner and spend some time in Iowa in view of getting a place to locate next winter in Iowa, or Illinois. I heard of two churches, or rather read in the paper of two that wished to be united in one charge. Perhaps I made a mistake in sending my last letter to Council Bluffs, but I thought you would be home. I will send this one there for the same reason.

I am very much obliged to you or yours for sending me some papers. Were it not for them I would have no knowledge of what



the world is doing outside of Saunders County. I should be glad to get a letter from you but would be more glad to have you come to see us.

Yours most truly,  
Thomas A. Shaver.

Seward, Nebraska, June 13, 1890.

Rev. S. Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

Have come in from preaching at Camden and Milford. Preached at Camden in the morning and at Milford in the afternoon. It is my first time at Milford and my second at Camden. The audience at both places was pretty good, though it might have been better at Camden. The influential heads of families at Camden have no sympathy with religion at all, nor wish religious movements except so far as their temporal worldly prosperity is furthered thereby. There are two M. Ds. a young lawyer, and other young folk who are specially anxious that I should preach there every other Sabbath. There are some few families who are anxious too for regular service. There are a good many children who might be gathered in with some pains. There has been some talk of organizing a Sabbath School, which I think will be done next Sabbath. The main difficulty has been, in past years, to get a Christian superintendent. I think that they will unite on a United Brethren who has just come in to Camden. Hope they will, he is an earnest, good Christian, though not a brilliant man in appearance. The Methodist minister there and myself will give all the encouragement and assistance we can but I did not feel like trying to assist in its superintendency. There is hope for Camden I hope, yet in some respects it is not very bright. Did not find any more Christians in that neighborhood than before, except this new family. May his influence be so happy that his life may preach many convincing sermons to his godless neighbors.

The flouring mill was in full blast yesterday. Do not think I am discouraged entirely, but it is so different from what I am used to that I was deeply impressed with the state of things. The most discouraging feature I see is the neglect of the ordinances of the Sabbath and the laziness of the people. There has been regular service in Milford from a year or more, and yet some professed Christians (of another denomination) have not been at church since in Nebraska, and yet only three miles distant, or some parents who have no horses will say it is too far for their boys and girls to walk to church and Sunday School three or four miles. Christians say this. I give them illustrations from my own experience--that I have always gone four miles and walked often twenty Sabbaths in succession, but of no avail.

Don't know whether these people believe in total depravity or not, but they practice the doctrine of inability. This is one side. I am thankful that there is another side. The attendance at Seward has been good at all hours and so center who preaches. I have canvassed a good deal since I wrote but have not found Presbyterianism prevalent--six professors besides the organization

of eight are all I have found -- One of the six a United Presbyterian. They are all within the limits of Seward except the U. P. and one other. I left an appointment five miles from here and four from these two for next Sabbath A. M. There are three of the professing Christians here who have not taken the necessary steps towards proving themselves really desirous to unite with us when an opportunity is offered. The one does not feel like sending for her letter, the other two have not lived so as to present such an act from doing harm. I intend trying to get the Elder to go with me and talk the matter over and see what their views and feelings are.

Would have had communion July 10th had it not been for the Methodist quarterly meeting at that time. Suppose that we will now defer it until August. I am indulging the hope that there will be two from the Methodist Church unite with us and that there will be two or three by examination. The movement towards getting up a Baptist church this season is very slow. They are building a school. There will be a good school house however erected before winter sets in. Our old Elder is very much worried or accout of the Anabaptist sentiment in our midst. He is a very thorough going Calvinist. He teaches the Bible class in the Union Sabbath School. My plan for preaching after July 30 is as follows: Seward every Sabbath at 5 P. M. and on rare occasions at Camden Sabbaths, at 10 1/2 A. M. and at other points alternate Sabbaths in Lorenson. Was up the River route to Ulysses in Butler County twelve miles from here last week did not find any Presbyterians but a very good Episcopalian. They have no preaching near there. He earnestly invited me to come and preach sometimes in his house. Will try and do so soon. Have preached twice every day except one, since I am here next Sabbath have three appointments. I have no need for more than one sermon a week. I write practically commit and preach without notes. Have no where to lay a manuscript. I see our Synod meets at Des Moines in July, when will you be out? Hope to exchange with Mr. Peck in July. Hear from Thayer, Sherard and I don't feel as if alone in my work when I read their letters. Welcome

Accept my thanks for papers--Will be glad to have a letter from you any time. I almost forgot to tell you of a trip east I propose making to Kansas, starting next Monday morning (20th) and returning July 2nd. Intend going south from Camden to Washington County, then southeast about 100 miles, and then come back by Pawnee City and Beatrice. I will then remain a little longer in the fall. Had contemplated leaving in time to make a visit before going East. Have a horse of my own -- sows my field, nevertheless I have spoken of the unpleasant features. Will work all I can and leave the result to God.

Crops are not doing very well on account of dryness of weather and cool nights. Country is healthy--alarmingly so the Doctors say. Have heard of two cases of ague only one has been contracted here, and that through unnecessary exposure.

My regards to Mrs. Jackson and children Mr. Childs.

Your brother in Christian bonds,  
G. B. Smith.

West Point, Nebraska, June 14, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

My Dear Brother:

I take it for granted that you are either home from the Assembly, or soon will be, so I shall write you a short letter. I received my commission, with your note. I am getting along nicely. I have very good audiences here. I only preach here once every two weeks. I could preach twice the day I am here as well as not, but can only get the house for one service. I think there will be five or ten to join in with us when we organize. There are a couple of very nice ladies, about four miles in the country, members of the Dutch Reform, who, I understand will unite when we organize. They have been out to preaching but I have not had opportunity to talk with them. I was down to Pabbie Creek, fifteen miles below, last Sabbath week. There is quite a settlement, and some very nice people, mostly Methodist. I only found one Presbyterian. I preached twice to about thirty persons. It was the first time they ever had preaching.

I am going up the River to North Bend, about fifty miles, next week. I understand there are some Presbyterians up there. There is a little town, a mill, and a thick settlement, on North Fork. I have no way of going but by boarding a stray wagon so if I get up there I think I shall stay two Sabbaths. I will be here near Sabeth, June 19th, then about the 22nd I shall start up the valley, and shall not return before the sixth or seventh of July.

I shall try and make a thorough canvass while I am gone, and hope to be able to make a favorable report. When can you be here? The second Sabbath of July is the first one that I can be here, unless I make new arrangements. If that will not suit you, or you have any suggestions for me, I shall be glad to have them.

I am much obliged for the Evangelist. You must have enjoyed the Assembly.

My kindest regards to Mrs. Jackson, also to Mr. Corwell. Remember this field as well as yourself in your prayers.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Joshua Wilson.

New York, June 14, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

I have much pleasure in sending you the Draft which you could not get before leaving this city. I hope it will reach you in good time. I have taken hold of my office work this morning and find every thing as least as is. I have just had a long talk with Dr. Ellenwood, who feels pretty sore under his disappointment, but not unkindly towards us. I wish it were practicable to have him acquainted with us so that we have joined our point. There is plenty of work to be done. Pray for us

Let I may be strengthened...  
Yours

Your Brother  
H. R. Wilson.

Omaha, Nebraska, June 14, 1970.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Brother:

Our Lincoln brethren have expressed...  
we have received help from my...  
I would like...  
depend on the organized machinery...  
If we had never heard of Baltimore I...  
I am very glad to see you...  
Yours fraternally,

H. Kennedy.

Omaha, Nebraska, June 15, 1970.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Since writing you a day or two since I have received a  
letter from Mr. Harvey with a magnificent donation for our  
Lincoln Center, viz, four Lincoln hats, a note of a citizen  
Lincoln for \$107.00 due in August and perfectly good, and the  
privilege of drawing on him for \$1000 when we need it. I take  
back all I said about our Baltimore friends. I was impatient.  
Now if you can get us a little of that surplus \$60000 that Dr.  
Morgan reported we shall be O. K. I'd like to see you and  
could come and spend Sabbath in Council Bluffs if I knew you  
were home.

Yours in haste, but very cordially,  
H. Kennedy.

Cheyenne, Wyo. Terr., June 14, 1970.

Brother Jackson:

Your letter just is hand. Thompson thinks he would like  
to see specification to figure on. No time to see others.  
He thinks he would have to build without a basement. Recon-  
struction very expensive. Lecture room cheaper.

We ought to have something of a name, write for three  
pages in \$300. I don't ask it for self at all. I am not sure  
but that it would be better to save expense of the building...

to secure this. The Congregationalists I think push every advantage--not any too courteous.

When can you help me organize?

The Congregationalists are organized with 12 good members.

You had better see the North Western Railroad in Chicago or Rock Island.

Rev. Roy, the Congregational Secretary in Chicago secured promise of half freight when desired.

Train here ---

John L. Gase.  
Cheyenne.

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Jackson, Minn., June 17, 1870.

Dear Brother:

I received yr. Eaton's check for \$175 about a week ago. It had been miscarried to Jackson, Michigan and hence was delayed.

I send you this in great haste merely to inform you of the receipt of this money. Please let me hear from you soon. If here,

Yours in the Gospel,  
Edward Severe.

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Omaha, Nebraska, June 17, 1870.

Re S. Walter Jackson.

Rev. Dear Sir:

I am this day in receipt of a telegram from Chicago saying that you would not reach Chicago until next week.

I have just returned from Cheyenne.

The Church was accepted in a very complimentary certificate to be signed by Trustees and Pastor.

There are no bills not paid--Everything is settled satisfactorily so far as heard from. Now Mr. Jackson if by any possible contingency you do not call upon me or see me in Chicago before you reach your home, you will certainly do me the justice to either come to Chicago or allow me to come to Council Bluffs at once and settle up this long job.

That \$1000 I was to have when the building was raised I never had one cent of. I need the money now due me.  
I am yr. Wilson.

Truly yours,  
Lyman Bridges.

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Afton, June 18, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Although you are no longer connected with this field I thought I would be glad once more to communicate with you before

Have been quite ill for a long time with typhoid fever and am just beginning to get about. I feel quite embarrassed and afflicted in view of my separation from my family, and no less on account of not being able to do my work. My two charges are beginning to be restless under my long continued illness; how I wish some brother could spend a few weeks here and at Cornish. But not to be farther tedious with my present condition, I feel that God is good and doeth all things well. Thus far I have found friends in my illness and fear not that God will forsake me in this land of strangers. Pray for me, my dear brother, and also for this field of labour in which I have become so interested.

I congratulate you on your privilege of attending so pleasant and so remarkable a meeting as that of the last Assembly. May the Lord pour out His Spirit upon our fields of labour and make this ecclesiastical year one of unsurpassed prosperity.

My kind regards to your family and to brothers Carroll and Cleland.

Yours in the Gospel,  
W. M. Hamilton.

Excuse my writing as my nerves are very much at fault—  
My Postoffice is still at Cornish. W. M. H.

Sioux City, Iowa, June 20, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I received the Commission Ac. on the 15th. I notice it is only for "Plymouth County" but I have three counties. Brother Carroll though says it makes no difference. Is it so? Did you get me money beforehand the end of the quarter? I would like very much to have at least one month's salary. I don't want to draw always from the home purse. You said you would see to it. Did you? Address me at Cherokee- Cherokee County, Iowa. We have a daily mail now. I have my pass now after one and a half month's delay. I guess you know I organized by Brother Whitterton's help at Cherokee, June 5th with ten members. James Robertson, Elder; will double next next Commission. Can you come up and see my field? I'll make my headquarters at Cherokee I supplied Brother Avery's pulpit yesterday. He mine at Le Mars We need a good man for Cherokee. It promises to be a very fine point. The best between Fort Dodge and Sioux City. He ought to be here in August before I leave. A permanent man, if possible. I'll give way any time. I'm desirous of a departure from here in last week of August. I'm going to make a strike, if at all possible, for two churches edifices and three organizations this summer. Is not Cherokee church the first one organized in the United States since the close of Assembly meeting? June 5th, 10 1/2 A.M. - Write soon. Plenty to do. regards to Mrs. Jackson and fellow workers.

Yours in Christ,  
Alex. M. Darley.

New York, June 20, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

My dear Sir:

Enclosed please find check for \$500 for Pews in Krebs Presbyterian Church. I will send in a few days the names of Teachers and Children and you will have them recorded as you promised. Please ask the Minister of the church to correspond with me in matters pertaining to the church, Sunday School, &c. so that I can read them to the children. Our school will not meet again until the third Sunday in September. At your convenience I would like, if agreeable to you, a memorandum of all the churches you have built in the west, and the amounts of mortgages, if any, and where located, and where the mortgages are lodged.

Yours truly,  
J. R. Skidmore.

West Point, Nebraska, June 21, 1870.

Rev. S. Jackson,

Your note is at hand. I have not started up the valley yet, but intend to in the morning. I am not certain I can be back by the third of July, beside the school house will be occupied on next Sabbath, and Sabbath week. I have been urging our members to get their certificates, which I suppose are necessary, at organization, although you have not told me that they are. I guess it will suit best for the tenth of July.

Your Brother,  
J. Welch.

June 22, 1870.

Rev. Mr. Jackson:

Dear Brother:

Since I last wrote I have been on the Elkhorn. I staid at Norfolk over Sabbath. I wrote you in my last letter that the Congregational Minister was not making much progress in the way of building up a church. But he had a week or so before I went up there, organized with ten members. He now preaches every Sabbath -- once every two weeks, he preaches at a place several miles up the river. There is also a Lutheran Church organized there; their minister preaches every Sabbath. Their number is quite large. The most of the settlers on the Elkhorn are Germans.

Rev. Wilson was up here on last Sabbath. He administered the Lord's Supper. There was a large number out at both services. Mrs. Elias united with the Church, formerly a member of the Baptist church. Mrs. Hill was not able to get out, or she would have also united. Good attention was given to the services throughout. I have had but one letter from you since I

came here. Nothing more at present.

Affectionately yours,

W. B. McCuskey.

P. S. I have just received yours with what money Council Bluffs.

Grand Island, Nebraska, June 22, 1870.

Dear Mr. Jackson:

Had I thought of your sending me the money from your private funds I should not have asked for it. I appreciate your kindness and will return the \$50 as soon as I can, certainly before three months. I have sent my resignation to Mr. Carroll, and I suppose I will leave here about the middle of July. I hope you will both understand my reasons. My health will not warrant an acceptance of the position until September.

Thanking you for your encouragement and kindness during the time I have been under your care I remain

Affectionately your Brother in Christ,  
Samuel Annin.

Asel, Iowa, June 22, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I have your note of the 15th for which I thank you. I had not received a word from Kendall as to the future plan although some time ago he said "the probabilities were that I should be wanted and to hold easy." There is a question or two upon which I am not yet clear as to duty. Still, if the Synod should see fit to indicate their pleasure as to my continuance that will be a help to their solution.

One point of extreme delicacy will be my locating in Council Bluffs and compelling Brother Carroll to go elsewhere.

If Carroll could be appointed for Northern Synod and go to some convenient point, without pecuniary loss, or sacrifice of preference, that would be a help too. I expect to see Brother Carroll at Cedar Rapids week after next.

If you can say a word to any of our late Old School brethren with whom I have no acquaintance, in regard to my appointment, you will do me a favor which will be appreciated and remembered. But I do not propose to electioneer for the privilege of hard work and little thanks. I would rather see it the free expression of choice which it doubtless will be, so far as I am known by the brethren in Southern Iowa.

With kindest regards to yourself and family, as ever

Truly yours,

Wm. Campbell.



Atlantic, Iowa. June 22, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
My dear Brother:

I have been anxious to hear from you for some time, but suppose you have been absent from home.

I am greatly interested in Ayock and do not know what to do. I preached there last Sunday. The people always receive me very gladly, and my congregations are very good. We have our meetings in Norton & Jones' Store. The people are interested. They seem anxious to have preaching. Listen very attentively, and I hope not without profit. They have already determined to meet every Sabbath whether a minister be present or not, and if there be no minister there, have a service for themselves. Mr. Hamilton, the Methodist preacher, will come over two weeks and Mr. Wright a Congregationalist is coming there to live. Work is already commenced on his house, and expects to bring a few Congregationalist families with him and will build a church. The people tell me they do not like him as a preacher and seem to think it will not do much good. He is dull and tedious. They seem very anxious to have me build a church, but they cannot give much help. They wish me to try to raise money in the east, by writing to the pastors of wealthy churches. Could you do anything for us? Please let me hear from you. I think Ayock has special talents. I have not been in any place where so much interest was manifested by the people outside of the church. If a church could be possibly built it should certainly be done at once.

Please do what you can for us. I am not getting anything done here yet. Smith has left, and I believe G. is also leaving -- neither is much use, for neither would do anything. But there is no one else to help us. I do not know what to do. We cannot accomplish anything without a building and I do not see what can be done. It is discouraging. -- Please write.

Yours fraternally,  
H. Hughes.

You will be going East soon and I trust you will remember us, and do all you can for us. H. H.

Chayenne, Wyo., June 22, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I returned from a visit to Laramie yesterday and found your letter of the 16th instant with Brother Thompson. We are ready to put in the seats as soon as they arrive. The pulpit came last week, but the box of which you speak has not arrived.

I took the Rawlins pulpit with me when I went on there. I spent the Sabbath before the last there. Had a good and attentive congregation both morning and evening. We shall lose Brother Hall from Rawlins, at least for some time. He came down with me yesterday on the train east. He is going to Gawaga (I believe), Kansas, where he has land and town property to speculate. Thinks it likely he will not return before next

Spring. His partner Frank has just returned from the States to  
 Keokuk, with a "brave new wife" and as this happened since I  
 was there, I cannot say whether she is a Christian or not.

I expect my sermon last Sabbath night at Laramie would  
 stir up a hornets nest among the Baptists. I preached from  
 Romans VI, 2-5. Col. II, 12. I thought Presma (who plays upon  
 the organ like Paganini upon his one-stringed fiddle) had had  
 things all his own way about long enough. It was time the Lar-  
 amites knew that the question had at least two sides.

Will you be out to dedicate before the meeting of our Synod?  
 By the way, there are two things I should like to have you do for  
 me before Synod. 1st, Get me a pass over the road, if you can,  
 from here to Des Moines, allowing me sufficient time to visit  
 my family after the Synod adjourns. 2nd, To make some arrange-  
 ment for me by which I can get money to go on. I believe you  
 said there was a gentleman in the bank at Council Bluffs with  
 whom such an arrangement could be made. You know our meeting  
 of Synod comes just a half month before my quarter expires,  
 consequently just when I shall be entirely out of money, and  
 before I can draw any from the Board. Under these circumstances  
 I should make up my mind not to go, at all, and to defer my  
 visit home till late in the fall, but the coming meeting will  
 probably be the most important we shall ever have, especially  
 for us on the frontier, and therefore I feel anxious to be there.

Brother Thompson will write you in relation to business.  
 You have perhaps seen bridges are this. I wish you would give  
 me Dr. Kendall's address. The course which Hammond is pursuing in  
 regard to passes on this road needs looking into, and I intend  
 to call Dr. Kendall's attention and that of the Board to the  
 matter. I shall say nothing about it just now, but when I see  
 you I can tell you some things that you are not perhaps aware  
 of.

I see the Interior has not published my last two letters,  
 one of them containing the correction you sent me. Perhaps  
 they don't read. I told the Laramites that I supposed their  
 pastor would be there before I could come again. Brown has  
 gone on a visit to Maine.

Yours, &c.

W. G. Replart.

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 Kansas City, Missouri, June 22, 1870.

Dear brother Jackson:

The Synod of Missouri will meet at St. Louis on the 6th  
 of July and I will then call on the Treasurer of the Kansas  
 Pacific Railway, a man I am well acquainted with, a Presbyte-  
 rian, and see if I can get anything in the way of a Pass for  
 you and write immediately after. I do not know what he will do  
 but I hope he will be favorable. I have one and when you get  
 to Denver I will visit you and we can confer together in regard  
 to many things in common. You may be Fisher of the mountains

and I will be Bishop of the plains and we can by and by call to each other by our mutual approaches from both sides.

May the Good Lord guide you.

Yours truly,

T. Hill.

Oil City, Pennsylvania, June 22, 1870.

Rev. S. Jackson,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Rev. and Dear Brother:

I am this far on my way to the "Far West". My family will remain here with a friend for the present. I leave this evening for Colorado via Kansas City, Council Bluffs and Omaha. I will remain over the Sabbath in Kansas, and possibly I may remain for the meeting of the Synod as the Presbytery of Colorado is connected with that Synod; but I may go on without detaining for the meeting of Synod.

Your Brother in Christ,

W. Y. Brown.

Omaha

I will endeavor to see you at Council Bluffs or if I pass through. I shall detain a few days at Omaha.

Nebraska, June 23, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Just received a letter which seems a mystery. I do not understand it. You remember you said you would insure to me \$800 for this year. You being Superintendent of Missions in these regions I took your word to be sufficient security. I have the letter stating that you would secure \$800 to me. Now, is it right to insult and bore a man at the outset of his ministry as this letter does? I will inclose a correct copy of it. I cannot but think there must be a mistake or misunderstanding. I do not know anything about the writer. He does not say what he is. I can do nothing with this letter until I hear from you. Please write as soon as possible. If Presbytery has voted to allow me only \$700 I cannot stay here. I cannot live on that amount. I believe I am doing a good work on the field but if Presbytery should undertake to bore me in style of inclosed letter it is more than I can bear.

Brother Carroll was here on the 20th and he will—has already I presume told you news from this region. He said you should have given me a commission. I hope you will immediately right things and allow me to go on with my work.

I am needing money now— I am dear Sir,

Very Respectfully,

J. H. Long.

(Enclosure)

Brownville, Nebraska, June 21, 1870.

Mr. J. B. Lyon,  
Dear Brother:

The Presbytery of Missouri River at its last session ordered that your church should be recommended to the Board of Domestic Missions for aid to an amount which should be your salary 700 Dollars per year.

If you wish to take advantage of this please to send me, if you have not already sent to some other member of the committee, a statement of the amount your field can or propose to raise for your support during this current year; also a statement of the claims and prospects of your field.

Upon receiving these statements, I will immediately make out an application in your behalf.

Yours Sincerely,

John T. Baird  
Stated Clerk.

St. Paul, Minn., June 23, 1870.

Brother Jackson:

I have written to brother Kendall and Paxton too, telling them I don't like that division of Minnesota which is proposed. It looks too much like making a field for a man.

Then what becomes of the item in the report of Committee of the Assembly that District Missionaries shall be appointed on the recommendation of Synods? If I am called anywhere in this Union, it is manifestly to Minnesota. I know I am wanted there, even by a considerable portion of the other Synod and I don't know that I am wanted anywhere else. So I have written Dr. Kendall.

Like yourself I would like to have a field that no one else wanted. I don't know where that is— I was ready even to go to Puget Sound— But that another wanted.

I don't want a part of brother Malone's field, to be made the subject of his constant and scathing criticisms.

I don't know what I can do, but one thing that I can't do— that is, stand it long without some support from some source.

I leave the matter in the hands of the Lord. He will do right.

With love to Mrs. Jackson from the family,

Truly yours,

D. C. Lyon.

Brooklyn, N. Y., June 23, 1870.

My Dear Brother:

The new Board of Domestic Missions had its first meeting yesterday. Your case came up, and I expressed my views in regard to it. The request of the Presbytery of Colorado for your appointment was granted. Your salary for the first year is fixed at \$2500, and your expenses in removing to Denver city will be paid by the Board. Go to work with your old zeal— only be careful

in your reports and in your representation of the wants of your field not to give any just occasion to half sighted people to say you exaggerate. Because this hint—and may the Good Lord of the harvest be with you in the future as he has been in the past.

Sincerely your friend in Christ,  
Henry J. VanDyke.

Cheyenne, Wyo., June 24, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Mr. Thompson handed me your letter yesterday evening. Mr. Thompson is at Greeley, where he spends a considerable portion of his time lately. He is not expected home before Saturday.

As I have had nothing to do with the financial matters of the church, I can give you but little information upon that point. I heard Thompson tell Bridges the other day that there was, I believe, \$471 balance in his hands of money received from you. Bridges was very anxious to have Thompson pay it over to him, but he said he had no authority from you to do so, and it would be a very irregular way of doing business. I left them discussing the matter, and do not know how they settled it, but presume Thompson would not pay it, as he is rather cautious in his movements.

In regard to the money subscribed here, I was present at the meeting of the board at Governor Campbell's and it was then thought that, with very slight exceptions, all the subscriptions here would be paid. But there has quite a change come over the place even in that short time. Men would not pay their subscriptions till they saw the house completed, pleading that it had once been commenced and stopped, and might be again. Some have, in the mean time left the Territory, one man who had subscribed \$100. The others of \$50 each positively refuse to pay a cent because the house was not built when first intended, and they now expect to leave the place in a short time, and take no interest in church matters any way.

There lies the whole difficulty. The large majority of the subscriptions were made by godless men, whose subscriptions were made from purely worldly motives. Business was then prosperous, and money was flush, and they felt that they could do so without any particular sacrifice.

But a change has come. Business is all prostrate, money has fled, some have gone "under", all are pressed, and so they make use of every shift to avoid payment. Mr. Scriber has been trying to collect enough to pay the plasterers, who are wanting their money, but with poor success. It is very painful to us to be environed by these difficulties, but if it is the Lord's will that we shall have a Presbyterian Church here, I believe he will bring us through, even though it should be "so as by fire." I presume you will hear from Brother Thompson as soon as he comes home. Come out as soon as you can.

Yours fraternally, W. G. Rapbert.

Steubenville, Ohio, June 25, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Brother:

In this you will see that I am making a longer stay in the States than I intended. I did expect to start for the West about this time but presume I will not get off now before the 5th or 6th of July. I intend stopping at Chicago one or two days and hope to be at the Bluffs about the 9th. Please write that I may know when you intend going, for I would try hard to make my arrangements meet yours for the sake of good company.

I had a letter from the Mountains two days since. Adian has come to the Valley for his health. I do trust he may recover soon and permanently.

I see encouraging notes in print concerning the revival at Denver but hear nothing of a similar work in the Mountains.

Our weather here has been warm, and I feel less robust than when I left the snow. Then too, I long to be where I feel my work wants me. These few weeks in the States have given me a blessed opportunity to look well at everything, and I am more than surprised at some new shapes which very familiar subjects have taken.

I seem identified with that far West now, so I wonder how long it will be two months since when I was there.

May He give us grace for all that is at hand and before us. Hoping to hear from you and to see you soon, I am with kindest regards to Mrs. Jackson,

Yours most sincerely,  
J. G. Ridgley.

Nebraska, May 1870  
Organized June 25, 1870.

We the undersigned desiring a membership in and the privileges of, a Presbyterian Church, in this our new home, would earnestly invite Rev. George Carroll and Rev. Sheldon Jackson, Superintendent of Presbyterian Missions in Nebraska to organize us into a Presbyterian Church at their earliest convenience.

Signed-

William Loder  
Margaret Loder  
M. E. McCutchin  
Bertha McCutchin  
E. A. Richards  
Mary G. Richards  
Mary E. Johnson  
Caroline T. Johnson

J. W. Robertson (not present)  
S. S. Robertson "  
Mrs. Ada Nesbitt  
Mrs. Warden, Profession of Faith  
M. Bunnson.  
C. McBlashon

St. Louis, Mo., June 27, 1870.

My dear Brother Jackson:

The old Board has just held a meeting and ordered the payment of \$1000 for Cleverne and \$100 for Realize, etc. without further delay. I send you a Draft for the money. I have received both your letters, last one dated the 24th. I agree with you that "Could the board at New York know, etc. they would with one voice, &c." But they do not know and would not approve of us going. I left New York on last Monday in 15 minutes after they adjourned, without any one to take charge of the office. I requested them to employ Dr. Allen, to which they agreed, but I know not, that he would consent to do so. Every thing there is at loose ends and I must hasten back as soon as I can close up matters here. I would like exceedingly to go out West, now that I see that for a year or two, it seems impossible just now. I will be here eight or ten days longer. If I hear from New York that Dr. Willwood is in the office I may possibly go.

I have the certificate of the Trustees of the Church, but not of Cleverne. Will you get the names of the Trustees and have the enclosed with the receipts sent to me at New York. Excuse a hast. note.

Yours fraternally,  
H. R. Wilson.

Secretary of Board of Church Extension,  
(O.S.) and Inter of the United  
Church. N. Y.

Note.

This is to certify that the Rev. A. F. Wells is a member of the Presbytery of Chicago, in good and regular standing and as such he is hereby commended to the fraternal confidence and fellowship of all who love our Lord Jesus Christ.

Attest: D. S. Johnson,  
Stated Clerk of the  
Presbytery of Chicago.

Given in Presbytery at Chicago,  
June 27, 1870.

This may certify that the First Presbyterian Church (O.S.) of Denver, Colorado, was received into the Presbytery of Chicago, August 10, A. D. 1869, and that its connection still exists. Whenever, in the reconstruction of Synods and Presbyteries, this Church shall form new relations, its name will be taken from our roll.

By order of Presbytery,  
June 27, 1870.  
D. S. Johnson,  
Stated Clerk.

June 29, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

This letter was returned me from Chicago. It is hardly worth sending. I have been anxiously waiting a letter from you. We have heard from your Pittsburg lecture, one lady writes here to Mrs. Lyon "from what she said Coopers must be a hard place. Is it Mary?" A good joke. I still hope to see you on the 15th. Nothing new. I have sent Report to the Board. Would have written often to you but did not know where to write. Do not know now. For this reason have not sent you letters from Mrs. Brown and Col. Charles. Where is the Worcester Postoffice? My letter to him after two months has come back to me.

J. L. Gage.

The B Mr. Scherck told me he was one of the best colporteurs--has tact. Last year was sent for to help conduct revival meetings at the Presbyterian Church at Athens and Harpersburg.

I would like to have him here on this road for six months. He could get hold of the people. Can anything be done? The church or Sunday school which is educating him I think would help support him. Please pay for the papers.

Excuse haste.

Brother John L. Gage.

Wishes Rowles at Rochester is married.

When you come bring my Dictionary and what books of mine you have.

Rowlings, Wyo. Ter., July 6, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

A few weeks ago when on my way to Omaha I met Mr. Bridger from Chicago. I learned from him that in your settlement with him he had paid the \$94 due me for board. I fully comprehend now that you labored under a wrong impression, in regard to the amount. We were to allow in final settlement of our church matters. As I have been liberal toward my means, in giving my money and time toward our church I feel that I could possibly give yet \$94, either would I for one moment entertain the idea of your advancing the amount from your private funds. I would therefore propose the following. Send the amount \$94, to me per Express. This will then leave our church indebted to you \$94. I will then guarantee to raise the amount at once by private subscription and forward to you. I could not go around to raise the money to liquidate a debt due to myself. But after receiving the amount from you I can then easily collect \$94 with which to pay you that balance due you.

Yours respectfully,

Wm. C. Wilson.



Corlaine, Utah, July 8, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I received your note last night. Am glad to know that you will be with us sooner than you anticipated. Hope you can manage so as to be here over next Sabbath week (17th) as that is to-day for services. I have seen several of our people to-day and they feel encouraged in view of your prospective visit, anticipating that at that time steps will be taken for the putting up of a church. I have frequently been told that had I a church here I could depend upon three fourths of the church-going people. Please drop me a line if we may expect you on the above mentioned date.

I am, dear brother, Yours in Christ,  
Edward E. Hayliss.

Corning, Iowa, July 9, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I received your letter too late to meet you at Omaha. I should come on next week but that I have not heard from my family this week and it is very possible that my dear wife has started to come to me. In that case I would like to know about what I might depend upon, should I come on, in case I suited the field, etc. I have done so little for my family for the last year that I feel this is due to them. By the blessing of God I am now doing my regular work and there is some promise of my being stronger than ever. I would like if it be the will of the Lord to be in the same field with you. I have been overwhelmed with the contents of that box and I owe it to you, under God of course, as well as my present position on the Missouri River Railroad which is by no means a sinecure. Still it may be the part of duty for me to remain here. The work is enlarging upon me and my strength seems growing to it. The people of Afton too seem attached to me as they refused to look elsewhere when I offered them the privilege during my illness. Yet it may be the Lord's will for me to go to the far West and if so I am willing.

Would it be proper for me to petition the Board for assistance for removing my family and transporting my books? Of course I would only ask it from New Jersey.

Praying for your unbounded success in your new field I am

Yours in the Gospel,  
Wm. F. Hamilton.

New York, July 11, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

I returned from St. Louis on Saturday and found your letters to the Board and Mr. Burnham which were laid before the Board this P. M. Dr. Williamson thought some of the pieces

named in your letter not claiming attention, in the present state of the Board. I was consequently instructed to send you three or four applications (forms) for the most important and to say that when returned it the Board of the Board would select, appropriations would be made.

The Secretary of the Board was only \$2000 and we appropriated to-day \$8000. Randall's share is over \$5000. They have to support 10,000 people to put missions. These few schools can make a great deal of noise, but show little money. I find they are watching us with a jealous eye and therefore I cannot repeat what was said in the Board to-day. They think they have not got their share of Secretaries, residents and preachers in the Boards. But enough for the present.

Will you send me these checks as soon as you can and I will do what I can. I see but little prospect of my getting out to the Mountains, the way they are piling the work on to me. Love to the ladies, but with love,

Your Brother,  
A. S. Wilson.

Laramie, Wyoming Ter., July 11, 1871.

Rev. A. Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

Next Sabbath Dr. Taylor and another minister from Boston and New York were present so I went to church. It was my Sabbath here, but Pierson did not let me know that we could not have the house till it was too late for me to go east. I am indebted by Mr. Filmore, that Dr. Taylor will preach at night in a house at Evanston, and they will furnish \$5000. I have written to Evanston that I will be there next Sabbath and preach morning and evening. I can be up and doing, have you a plan for a 1500 hours? You can spend a night with me after my return from Evanston. Pierce's school closes next week, then he intends to go to Evanston right along if Evanston, I suppose.

Yours in Christ,  
S. L. Arnold.

P.S. If you have anything to suggest in regard to Evanston drop me a line there care of Tooley & Co.

Dear Sir,  
Laramie, July 12, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

We came to this place the middle of July and my health is being improved rapidly from the change. We shall stop here through July at least, with my adopted daughter. It was hard to leave Brooklyn where the nearer of the Spirit's presence is so manifest, especially in Union meetings. I had but just began to write in religious character as we left. The last sister was a glorious one on "Little Hill" in all denominations; union

of prayer went up with power and the answers came. We are seeking for yet greater sanctifications. My beloved Pastor has gone to Europe for four months (his salary continued) his labours were gigantic and told upon him. Did I send you his last "Pastoral" or "Dear Sir's letter"? The Trasks have been to California and may have seen you; they have returned since we left probably. I trust God is using you still; are there more labourers given your field? Mr. Frederick "Arouser" went with the Trasks to California. I long to hear him tell of what he saw, he is so enthusiastic over the west. Mrs. Trask gave me your last; he heard a Mr. Martin lecture on our Church on this great Continent and gave me a check for a thousand dollars on the spot. May the entire Nation be aroused to duty on this subject. Let us pray on, work on, and trust on, for the unsexed priests and the women are all spent on, while the Devil and his angels are labouring in vain to thwart God's purposes. You are not working in vain, or spending your strength for naught; bear hardness as a good soldier of the Cross of Christ in due season you will reap; if you faint not, - even if faint, if persevering the reward is yours and when in and through the colored. The Presbyterian you sent me was marked until May but still it comes, an indifference probably, let them know. Increased expenses consequent upon my long sickness curtails my giving (God knows it) but I had sent your fifty before realizing how it might be. "The hearts of all are in God's hands and the cattle on a thousand hills are His." He will call in all he wants for His own cause, blessed are the instruments He uses.

My kindest love to Mrs. Jackson, kisses for the children. Carriage waiting for me to ride. Truly,

W. M. Merrill.

July 13, 1870.

Rev. W. Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

I have written to Mr. Shaver to remain until the 20th of all events. He has not yet notified me of his leaving and I hope my letter will reach him ere he finally decides. Mr. Commung-Teck will hold Com'n services here to prevent Providence, August 7th. I am anxious to preach here 17th and 24th and then that will only leave then vacant one Sabbath before he comes. I also desire to come back to this county every alternate Sabbath after going to Ashland. Since I have my pony I can do it, and I can preach at two or three points in Saunders County on same day, since it will not be many days that I will have it to do. According to my desire I would like to preach in this County August 21st and September 4th.

My people are anxious that I should. Weather here is extremely warm. Rained a little every day this week and last night a good one fell. Regards to family.

Yours in haste,

read "Interior".

G. F. Smith.

Marango, Iowa, July 13, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

I few days since I wrote you and sent it to Laramie care of Charles H. Richards Esq., but as I have received a letter from Brother Rephart and as you expect to be in Cheyenne on the Sabbath, I now write you to say,

Presbytery convened last evening and dissolved the pastoral relation existing between myself and this dear people, the dissolution to take effect the first of August, but I hope to leave the 25th of this month. Shall I meet you in Laramie? I very much hope I may.

If possible please spend a Sabbath or two at Laramie. Yesterday I received my commission, but nothing was said in regard to my expenses to Laramie. I have not enough money to take me there and if the Board do not furnish this, of course I cannot go. I am just leaving for Des Moines to attend meeting of Synod. In the greatest haste, I am most truly,

Yours in Christ,  
S. L. Arnold.

Des Moines, Iowa, July 14, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I find on inquiry that I am not a member yet of this Presbytery Missouri River. I meant to have got a letter from you before the spring meeting at Clarinda, General Assembly having constituted me one of the five presbyters of Presbytery of Colorado. My letter from Presbytery of Chicago is null. I wish you would take steps to secure my dismissal from Presbytery of Colorado, to Presbytery Missouri River, as soon as possible, as important matters are to arise in August next, regarding Cuba Church, &c., &c.

Please send me a letter to this Presbytery at once that I may have a vote. Another reason is that I may be installed 1st of September, when our church at Lincoln is to be dedicated. I earnestly desire that you should preach the sermon on that occasion. There is a large attendance at Synod. In haste,

Your brother,  
H. P. Peck.

New York, July 18, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

We have two letters from New Mexico, one from Brother McFarland calling for more missionaries and schools, and another report from Brother Annin at Las Vegas speaking of his field &c, in which he says that none who understand the English language come to hear him so he us trying to learn Spanish that he may meet the Spanish population of New Mexico, and teaching

school five hours a day and five days in the week.

This letter is to instruct you to make your trip to New Mexico as soon as possible and see Santa Fe, Las Vegas, and the other most important points of the Territory, some of which you have already named to us.

Let me remark that as the country is new we wish you to learn,

1. As far as possible, send that does not amount to much, through what main points the Mail Roads are likely to run and how soon either the Kansas or Fremont's road will be built.

2. Tell us of the population of the towns you visit, which are mining towns and which are agricultural- and the population of each.

3. Remember that with our present resources of men and money--our leading idea must be to preach the Gospel in English, and to an English speaking people. We cannot pay for school teaching, for colportage, or for any work among other nationalities, till we have first cared for our own. We are willing to aid in preaching in German in the Scandinavian tongues and in the Spanish in teaching schools among the colored people of the South, the Indians in the Indian Territory, or the Spanish in New Mexico or elsewhere, but only sparingly and only as it can be made subordinate to preaching the Gospel.

The Spanish population cannot compare in importance with the English speaking people; we wish to sustain Home Missions in New Mexico or elsewhere mainly; for the incoming flood of our own people--mainly as I have said because our means and resources will tell more effectually on our people and produce larger results with the same expenditure.

In New Mexico or elsewhere we wish you to remember that you are acting for us--you are eyes for us--you are to give us all the facts on both sides--you are to discount the exaggerations of sanguine settlers and speculators and make up your own judgment and transmit the same to us. We shall very largely accept and act on your judgment. If it be found reliable we shall act on it--more and more. But if following your guidance, we are led to venturesome undertakings, betrayed into an extravagant or unsuccessful outlay, it cannot fail to operate to your disparagement. If a field is promising say so, of course; but if it is unpromising, let no persuasions of ardent or interested men have undue influence with you. Remember also, always to inquire with yourself whether on the whole and in the long run the money needed for a given undertaking would not produce greater results elsewhere. But for the probability of an early influx of our own people in New Mexico we should doubt the propriety of sustaining missionary work there. The old Spanish population there we regard as best looked after by the Foreign Board, or the American and Foreign Christian Union. Remember also, particularly, that you are to make no promise to any people, or to any minister except with the distinct understanding with them that every thing of the kind is finally settled at these Rooms. Make no absolute pledges except in your own name. Do not commit us to anything! You may say what you

will recommend, and what you hope we will do. But absolute promises originate here!

Yours truly,  
A. Kendall.

Madison, Neb. July 18, 1870.

Rev. Mr. Jackson and Carroll,  
Dear Brothers:

I do not know as I have anything new to state with regard to my visit. I have been filling my appointments about as usual with the exception of yesterday. I preached on Battle Creek about six miles above the usual place at Mr. Beigle's house. He has been a kind of a Methodist preacher, a very good man. He will preach occasionally. This vicinity is well supplied with preachers, such as they are. I believe there are now six of us in this vicinity. Two at Norfolk, a Congregational and Lutheran; one some where between the Bluffs and Battle Creek, a United Brethren, who preaches occasionally on the Elk Horn and near Battle Creek; one on Battle Creek; Mr. Beigle above mentioned, two on Union Creek, Mr. Trine, and myself. But as there are more preachers than there are homes made convenient and welcome I will do all I can for Presbyterianism during this month, preaching my last sermon here on the 31st. I will be at Council Bluffs on the 4th or 5th of August. My commission of course continues until the 1st of August but I wish to have a few weeks of rest before the Seminary opens. I did not expect to have to stay here any longer than the first of August when I left the Seminary. But I hope this will be all right.

I have done all that I have done here for the Cause of Christ. And as I leave I hope an impression will be left for good. I shall ever remember this summer work and the good it has done me.

Affectionately yours,  
Wm. W. McCuskey.

Greeley, Colo. July 18, 1870.

Rev. Mr. Jackson:

To-night we meet to organize either a Congregational or Presbyterian Church. I should prefer a Presbyterian Church but I am in the minority and had given it up until I heard that you were at Cheyenne, and I feel it my duty to let you know, because with you here to show the advantages I think we would have a fair chance for success.

Lewis W. Toller.

Greeley, Monday July 18, 1870.

89 Wall St., New York, July 18, 1876.

My dear Brother Jackson:

Your letter from Richards just received. I sent you some blanks last week and send more with this. I fear you will pick one ship in Salt Lake. I have just written to Brother Arnold at Laramie and sent him a blank. If it were here we might open it when the Board meets on next Monday. I will write to Boston to-day and if I can get a pass, I will run out as soon as I can leave this office, but can not say how soon that will be. I am overwhelmed with work here and so one to help me. Kendall, Dickson, Powell and their Clerk in the other office and I alone and to save expense Mr. Ladd is nominally Treasurer, but not in the office one hour in forty-eight. The weather tremendously hot. Applications coming in freely but money slowly. People think the reunion is going to effect everything. Things are in a bad condition at Red Oak Junction. Brother Tinsel will leave and the church I fear fall through. My son Jerry will go to California in a few weeks. Has an invitation to Santa Rosa.

According to your request I send this to Council Bluffs.

Yours fraternally,

W. T. Wilson,

Corresponding secretary.

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Cleburne, July 18, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Above is the card I had commenced yesterday before you left. It contains something like the matter I should like to have on it, without giving any definite arrangement.

The Editor of the Advocate told me last night that he would furnish me as many copies of last week's paper as I wished to send you, gratuitously. I will send you a few of them and one or two of yesterday's Leader which has a short notice of the dedication. I presume the Advocate and Tribune will have more extended notices, when they come out.

If you had remained a little longer, you might have been at a wedding, as I married a couple at the "Kearns house" at 5 P. M.

Yours etc.,

W. C. Kephart,

El Paso County, Colo. Terr., July 22, 1870.

Brother Jackson

Sir:

I see by the News that you are once more in Denver and the mail that brought me that item of news brought me back a letter I mailed for you near three months ago; it came from the Bean Letter office. I will send to you now.

There has been quite a number of inquiries in regard to a minister for Pueblo. I think Mr. Horn has preached only once since you were there and every one says the appointment of Mr. Horn will be of no use, that he lacks energy. I believe he has not been to Colorado as yet; the truth is simply this, if anything can be done for this part of the Territory there will have to be some other man. I should like to hear from you soon.

By the way what has become of our magazines, you will remember that I subscribed for two copies, one for myself and one for Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ but have seen or heard nothing of them since. Judge Douglas gets his paper regularly.

Yours truly,

John Irvine.

Cheyenne, July 28, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I send you a batch of letters given me at the office to-day. Brother Thompson informs me that the Presbyterians and Congregationalists at Greeley agreed to go together, and unite with whichever church had the majority vote. Upon the vote being taken the Congregationalists had a majority of several votes. So I suppose that settles the question of Presbyterianism there for the present.

Brother Stone, Sabbath School Agent, is with me to-day. If he can get a pass, and feel that he can, he will go to Denver next Monday. As the train is in I can write no more.

Yours, &c.

W. G. Kephart.

Columbus, Nebraska, July 28, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

I received yesterday your letter asking me to go to Grand Island and North Platte and am preparing to comply. I have no personal objection to this or any such part that will help the cause. I have mislaid my half-fare (ticket) pass and cannot find it. I will apply for another this A.M. I have an appointment on the Elkhorn, 10 miles below Norfolk for the first Sabbath in August. A large Sunday School is there and a good church might be organized. I am happy to know surely that



Brother McCluskey has done a good work in his hard field. The Methodist Episcopalians have no preacher (and I have to do all the preaching) but they expect one soon. We will receive 3 or 4 members soon. I do hope you will pardon this sheet--I have been building a new house and am out of money, out of paper, and almost out of clothes. But we hope to move next week and save at per week in rent. We would now prize a visit from you.

What about church erection? I do want to build in Columbus this fall. Our town and church are growing constantly. My dear Mother makes home pleasant. She sends kind regards.

Your brother in Christ,  
 Jas. L. Wilson.

New York, July 25, 1870.

My dear Brother Jackson:

Our Board has just adjourned. While in session, I received your letter of the 22nd and one from Brother Bayliss of Corinne. The Committee of Applications failed to meet and the Board first decided that all the applications on hand (some 24 in all) should be laid over until the next meeting. I pressed the consideration of Corinne, Atlantic and Avoca. The utmost I could get for Corinne was \$2000 on condition that you raise the rest. I got a sort of promise from Mr. Ellenwood, that you might get perhaps \$1500 from the Memorial fund in addition--so that I trust you will get the church put through. I will send the Mortgage for execution to Brother Bayliss. I will see at the next meeting what can be done for Laramie. But your tremendous applications have frightened the Board and they think you are an unsafe guide. When I came back the Board of Church Erection had but \$2000 of available funds. We have been working altogether upon the balance of our old Board and this greedy Mountaineers would swallow up at one week fall I must cut and run for the cars.

Yours fraternally,  
 E. R. Wilson.

Natchez House, Massachusetts Pier, N. Y.  
 July 26, 1870.

My dear Mr. Jackson:

Your letter of the 29th of June reached me just as I was starting on a short trip away from home. Since then we have been journeying considerably and I have stupidly been quite sick. But for these two circumstances I should have responded sooner to your letter, and should have sent the Hurlings article to the Presbyterian. I finished it some days ago and it is by this time in the hands of the Editor. I hope it will be productive of some good.

We are tarrying at this seaside place courting comfort and

incident. The weather has been very hot although we are on the ocean beach, still as the unfortunate city-borne people have suffered far more we can only be thankful that we are in such pleasant quarters.

We were very sorry you got away from Philadelphia without our having the pleasure of seeing you again. But I know how very busy those last days of the Assembly were to everybody concerned.

We expect in a few days now, to return to Philadelphia where we shall tarry only long enough to settle affairs in the household and then will go to Grasson for most of August.

Did the Occident ever make its appearance? I wrote to Dr. Woodridge and asked him to send it, and shall feel much disappointed if you have not received it.

Believe me and father join in regards for yourself and good wishes for your family their health and prosperity.

With much esteem believe me very truly yours,

Annie Morris.

Rev. Baldwin Jackson,

Baldwinsville, New York, July 29, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours of July 4th came to us while we were yet lingering by the feet graves of our departed ones, long but just filled. After that I was called to New York for a few days on business and while there wrote you a business letter. But we could not forbear to tell you how sweet the words of sympathy, when we are in affliction, and so thank you most heartily for taking time amidst your many cares to write us in our great bereavement. The Lord reward you and all others who so kindly remembered us.

A day or two since I gave a letter of introduction to be presented to you at Denver to Rev. J. A. Whitaker of Jefferson City, Missouri, though I told him I doubted if you would be there at the time he visits the place.

I hope to hear from your trip to New Mexico as fully and as soon as possible.

Yours truly,  
W. Kendall.

Central City, Colorado, July 29, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Very glad to hear that you are to make Denver your home so soon. We were apprehensive lest something might happen to throw you off the track before you got round.

Our experiment here began first when every other body did. A new Episcopal rector preached here a few weeks and the new Congregational minister succeeded two weeks. The M. M. still hold

their big unfinished enterprise is terrorized over the heads of the people. There exists quite a mass of new church enterprises, least another building should be set on foot.

There are about a dozen of Presbyterian proclivities manifested with any church, in this place. But very little indeed of material support can be got. We have by dint of hard work met our indebtedness so far and this is all. The stringency of money matters increases just now this difficulty. The question of our ability to make much of a showing at establishing a church is considerably mixed. Our congregations have been on the whole fair, but the results meager. Time and patience will be much needed in this enterprise.

I have had an urgent invitation to come to Georgetown! A good Congregational Brother, who would not take so for an answer, assured me that if I would go there the Congregationalists would unite with the Presbyterians (after the example of the Presbyterians here). I refer to this or suggest what has been suggested to me, viz., that my time be divided between Georgetown and this place, as it must be some time before any return in the way of money can be expected from either place, this would lessen expenses and might prove a useful expedient to hold the positions.

But we can discuss these matters more fully when we meet.

Agent Gaylord I met and suffered not a whit. In the way, the Congregationalists get labor at Denver it will require yourself and Brother Wells and Brother Brown to watch him! Good bye.

Affectionately,  
M. H. Mitchell.

New York,

Sillobrook, Auburn P. O., August 3, 1870,

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Christian friend to

I had the pleasure to receive your kind letter expressing your interest in the missions of the Presbyterian Church in New Mexico and referring to your intention to visit that Territory in the autumn. I am very much gratified that the way is open for correspondence with you, as you have such influence with the members of the churches in New York and Philadelphia and Albany, who are friendly to our association and who are aiding the missionaries now in New Mexico. Rev. Mr. Annin is quite well known to the members of the First and Second Presbyterian Churches in Albany, and it would do good if after visiting Mr. Annin, and Mr. MacFarland (at Santa Fe) you could write to the Presbyterian churches of Albany, and direct your letter either to Mrs. William Wendell or Mrs. Archibald, McClellan, Albany, and commend to their christian interest the work of these missionaries, particularly Mr. Annin. An article appeared in the Presbyterian of July 30th under the heading "Notes from the Interior in which an account is given of our work in Santa Fe". This may be from your pen. In this article it is stated that "in accordance with the

advice of Presbyterians and other judicious friends the Missionary (Mr. McFarland) recently purchased, for \$525, an adjoining house and lot which was originally part of the Mission property at Santa Fe. The money for the purchase was borrowed for six months, the greater part of it has since been paid from the Missionary's private means." I enclose a letter from Mrs. Jas. J. Graham of New York, who is the President of our New Mexico Association. On the second and third pages of this letter Mrs. Graham refers to Mrs. Booth of the Union Street Church, and says that she has written to Mr. & Mrs. McFarland from the Ladies of the Mercer Street Church. Mr. McFarland has applied to pay his indebtedness on the Mission property. I think I ought to explain to you why this \$400 was sent. Mrs. Booth is a member of our Association, she and the ladies of Mr. Booth's church became very much interested in our mission in New Mexico, and last winter they made up a very valuable box for Mr. and Mrs. McFarland. This box contained valuable clothing for Mr. and Mrs. McFarland, besides house linen, and many very valuable articles almost invaluable to them. The box was forwarded by the Express Company west of Santa Fe, and unfortunately was burnt in the cars on the railroad. The Express Company very generously paid \$400 for the box, which money was sent to Mr. McFarland, as there was no time then to make up another box. I would like Mr. McFarland to know that the impression made by his letter of acknowledgment was not calculated to increase the interest of the church in his mission or in his personal wants. I think in such a case the Missionary ought to have returned his thanks to the ladies who so kindly made up the box, just the same as if he had received the things so carefully prepared for him. I think an invoice of the contents of the box was sent by mail.

Now it has occurred to me to propose to you, if you visit Mr. McFarland, to suggest that the \$400 be applied to the property to pay off the money Mr. McFarland borrowed, and when all shall be returned to Mr. McFarland also he has advanced, that the deed of the whole property which should not have two owners, shall be given to the Board of Missions, and that to reimburse Mr. McFarland another box of clothing shall be made for Mr. and Mrs. McFarland equal in value to the box made by Dr. Booth's church which was burnt. We can get a list of the articles from Mrs. Booth and have another box made just like it either in New York or Philadelphia, a letter from you, dear Mr. Jackson, I am sure would meet with a ready response. I received a copy of the deed of the Santa Fe Mission property and gave it to Dr. Musgrave in May last. This letter is designed to be confidential. I thought you could communicate to Mr. McFarland in conversation what I have said about his letter of acknowledgment in a gentle way, which would not wound him as if I wrote to him.

Now with regard to Mr. Annin: Mission at Las Vegas - I must say, that I have just received a letter from Dr. Kendall in relation to Mr. Annin, in which he says "As to Mr. Annin's case, we have also heard directly from him. We could aid you in the education of his daughters only in a round about way, namely, by increasing the appropriation for his support. This would be

re legitimate and could be made sufficiently direct. But the picture is set before us in his letters was of labours wholly lost on the English speaking people, none of them coming near him, and of such great expense for such small results." Mr. Randall then goes on to say that he has requested "Our District Secretary for Colorado to visit New Mexico and carefully note all its places of importance, its prospects for the early future, especially the prospect of rail roads to be early built, &c. &c. that we may plan wisely for the future. So deeply did I feel discouraged by what Mr. Annin said, that nothing but the prospect of an early influx of our own people, in the hope of early rail road communication would reconcile me to the continuance of Mr. Annin's Mission."

I do hope, my dear brother, that Mr. Annin will not be obliged to leave those few sheep in the wilderness which he has gathered into a fold, with so much care and labor, to wander away again as sheep having no shepherd. Mr. Annin writes me that he has organized a church with seventeen members, but perhaps he can find a better point than Las Vegas for a church edifice when we build a church in New Mexico. I hope it will be a substantial one built of stone, if possible, that it may be a witness to the true faith. We hope to be able to sustain Mr. Annin's daughters at school another year at Le Roy. We have not yet been able to call a meeting of our Association to decide the matter, but hope to do so in time to write to the young ladies (who are now with their grandfather in New Jersey) before the school term commences. I hope the gospel may be preached throughout New Mexico by an evangelist for it seems in no other way can we fulfil our blessed Saviour's command "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature". I shall hope to hear from you at your convenience. Please address me at Auburn. and believe me

Very truly your friend,

Cornelia W. Martin.

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 Corning, Iowa, August 1, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Your note reached me too late to meet you at the cars. I am looking daily for my wife and consequently cannot come to Council Bluffs till she arrives. I hope however, when you reach home and find that our Presbytery meets in this month that you will be disposed to wait its meeting when we can make arrangements for the future. I have a judicial case on hand at Red Oak which demands my attention at the present time. I fear our meeting of Presbytery failed in its objects-- When will the law of love prevail ever in the family of our Lord? I rejoice that I am able to do my usual work, though I forbear hard study for the present.

My kind regards to your good wife and children.

Yours in the Gospel,

W. S. Hamilton.

Rawlins, Wyo. Ter., August 1, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

I few days before I left Marengo I received a letter from brother Richards, in which he said you expected to meet me at this place. We all felt greatly disappointed in not seeing you, and fear you are sick. I reached Omaha on Thursday morning and left for this place on the one o'clock train reaching here Friday afternoon.

I have been busy making calls, and find a great work to be done. I preached ~~twice~~. In great haste,

Yours truly,

F. L. Arnold.

Sabbath Morning administered the Lord's Supper, attended Sabbath School and preached in the evening. We had very good and attentive congregations; the elder who went over to the Baptists communed with us, and after the congregation was dismissed sent for me; said he knew me well, had often heard me preach at Grinnell, Iowa, and had been at my house in Marengo. He was attending school at the "Iowa College in Grinnell. Of course I did not at first remember him but do remember supplying Dr. Cochran's pulpit while he was taking a summer vacation. The poor fellow seemed terribly embarrassed.

I find but little Presbyterian element but trust with faithful work and labor good may be done. My coming has set the two Methodist Ministers to work in good earnest and if we do not get about \$3000 from New York we had better give up. The people have been duped so much it will be of no use whatever to start a subscription. I believe the might be furnished but house more they cannot do. Next Sabbath I expect to go to Rawlins. I wish we could start our church tomorrow. The M. E. People are having a meeting to night. To-day I wrote Dr. Kendall, as I am acquainted with him. I hope you will write to the Secretary of the "Church Erection Board" urging upon them the necessity of granting us at least \$3000. It is now a matter of life and death with us. I hope you will come as soon as possible and advise with us. I do not shrink from hard work--I expect it but I am convinced it will be a hopeless case without a church edifice.

In great haste

Yours truly,

F. L. Arnold.

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Chicago, Ill., August 2, 1870.

Brother Jackson:

Yours of the 29th is received to-day. The news contained in the enclosure I will endeavor to incorporate in my letter to the Presbyterian. Am thankful for it.

Mr. Sargent did, and I presume does still desire that your supplies should go directly from him. His reasons I don't know

but presume they are good.

I have an intense desire to visit the mountains and nothing would give me more pleasure than to accept of your kind invitation. My poverty and not my will will probably always prevent the gratification of this strong desire. I wish I was to-day in Denver or some other cool place.

With kind regards to Mrs. Jackson I am,  
Truly yours,  
C. O. Waters.

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Penna.  
West Chester, August 3, 1870.

My dear Friend:

Your letter arrived last evening and I hasten to inform you that our daughter Mrs. Wilson, is now at Fort Union with her husband Major W. P. Wilson and our son Allan is also with them and all will be glad to see you. Gen. Gregg, the commanding officer is residing with them and is I believe a good man and likely to aid you in any Christian work. His wife was a member of our church in Harrisburg, Penna.

Mrs. Alexander is now with her mother at Willowbrook near Auburn and Hen. Alexander is there also to be absent from New Mexico for some time; their address is E. T. T. Martin, Esq. Auburn, New York.

They would be earnest interested aids in any good work and I regret they are now not in New Mexico.

With much interest in your work,  
Your friend in Christ,  
S. M. Dickson.

My husband sends his kind regards and best wishes.

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Grand Island, Nebraska, August 4, 1870.

Dear brother Jackson:

I could not have gone had you come, since I am out of money and have not heard from New York yet. I shall be at Fremont next Monday; if you write next week address me there. To spend a year at H Grove would be quite as laborious as a year at seminary, and I will either go west with you or home to Ohio. I wish to recruit. If I only pay my expenses, I will try it. My trunk is packed and I am ready as soon as my funds come. The Baptist, brother Freman, has begun to build at North Platte, and formed an organization and raised \$500 here to commence in two weeks. The Presbyterians are somewhat down cast about it. They need a permanent supply. They say it is not for beggars to choose, but that the people will not come to hear Brother W. My audiences for two Sabbaths have been only 30. They are larger at North Platte. 17 are at prayer meeting

that evening, and we had a good spirit and earnestness among the number.

I shall go to North Platte in the morning and spend Saturday visiting among the people there.

In haste your Brother in Jesus,  
H. B. Cage.

P.S. If you are west some weeks, I can follow you just as well perhaps.

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St. Paul, Minn., August 7, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Jackson:

The enclosed cheque on New York for \$25 is sent me to be forwarded to you for Home Mission use by the Rev. A. L. Blackford, of Rio Janeiro, Brazil. It is a contribution from the Mission Church of that city. Please acknowledge to him and me. Dr. Musgrave was asked to send it in the early spring, but would not.

We all rejoice in the good work you are doing, and are proud of you. Here we are slowly prospering.

Yours truly,  
Frederick T. Brown.

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Fremont, Nebraska, August 9, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I did not get to say all I wanted to you at the depot. You know I stay out of Seminary this year entirely for my health and I wish to make that a main object, even if I work for half wages. I want work enough to keep me from being lazy, but not over work. I should prefer a place where I would have more out-door and less in-door work than I have had, &c. &c. You know what I need and act according to your best judgment in the case. I will be in Denver as soon as I can. Though if I stay over Sabbath I shall probably not be there till last of next week.

Next Brother Welch and Sherrard were here yesterday on their way

Bro. They were both well.

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The churches of Grand Island and North Platte I consider rather encouraging. Though the Baptists have the start of us in a house. The people there, though Mr. Michel said he had would not be of much use.

told you the same.

If I knew Brother Campbell's address I would write him in

regard to that field.

My expenses of traveling at Grand Island and North Platte were \$32.70, including my board at North Platte \$4. This I borrowed at Grand Island.

Respectfully yours,

H. B. CAGE.



Central City, Colorado, August 9, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Can you not loan me \$100? The \$100 advanced by the Board aided in bringing me into difficulty but not in getting me out. To meet my freight bill I was obliged to go to Bank. This, with paying the Board, and sundry disappointments, have cornered me in a tight place. But a \$100 will let me out for the present and enable me to go to Presbytery. And the rest will arrange then.

Affectionately,  
D. H. Mitchell.

Rawlings, Wyo. Aug. 9, 1870.

Rev. S. Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

I wrote you a few weeks ago in regard to the \$94 due me on Settlement with Bridges. I presume you did not receive my letter or you would have answered it. I proposed in it, that you should forward me the amount as I needed the money very much, and that I would guarantee to raise you the amount by subscription and forward to you at once. If you can possibly favor me do so, as I am in straightened circumstances.

Yours respectfully,  
Wm. S. Wilson.

Indianola, Iowa, August 10, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear brother:

The Presbytery of Des Moines is to meet here the 1st Tuesday of September. We will have continued services until the Sabbath, and then dedicate our new Church Sabbath morning (11th) and have communion Sabbath afternoon.

Now my dear Brother, we want you here on that interesting occasion. I know you feel a deep interest in all our churches come and aid us in dedicating our house to the Lord, and let us know at once if you can come. So that I may know what part to assign you and let you know.

Your Brother,  
Silas Johnson.

Indianola is 18 miles south of Des Moines--stage every afternoon.

No. 59 Nassau Street, Rochester, <sup>New York</sup> August 12,  
1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find money order No. 15836, issued Aug. 11th for fifteen (\$15) dollars, which I desire to be appropriated for Home Missionary purposes in your field wherever you judge it may be best, and much oblige,

Mrs. T. S. Lewis.

Philadelphia, Pa., August 12, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Denver, Colorado.

Dear brother:

Yours of August 1st has been received. And in answer to your request we are to-day packing a box of our smaller publications, to be forwarded to you tomorrow by Express for the use of yourself and the missionaries on your field, in the way of gratuitous distribution. In making the selection I have carefully attended to all the wishes expressed in your letter. And I trust you will find these publications adapted to do good on your wide-spread field.

I think you will find Denver a better location as your headquarters than Council Bluffs could be. You have a grand field for your exertions, and I trust the Lord will very abundantly bless all your efforts there.

I am obliged to you for your pleasant and interesting letter, portions of which we shall insert in some early number of the Record. And we will always be obliged to you for any short articles you may send us suitable for insertion in the Record, and adapted to stir up an interest on behalf of this Board, its publications, and its missionary work.

Mrs. Schenck is at present absent from the city, or she would, I know, very cordially join me in reciprocating your kind wishes. Fraternally yours,

W. E. Schenck.

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Nebraska,  
Fremont, August 13, 1870.

Brother Jackson:

Henry has gone to Logan. Adjourn a meeting for three weeks or so if he is not with you and Presbytery is inclined to license him.

Address him to my care. Tell him too which parts of trial he must prepare.

John L. Gage.

P.S. I shall I think go to Minnesota or Colorado. Write me in full what you have for me. I intended writing you this P. M. I do not intend to go to the coast, and don't like this country---am willing to remain here three months if desired, my year -- Jno. L. Gage.

Regards to wife and children.

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Central, Colorado, August 13, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

The church building memorial project includes I notice parsonages. For this field a parsonage is a most important desideratum owing to the extravagance of rents and the difficulty of obtaining suitable houses. Should the Gurley memorial succeed,

ought it to embrace a parsonage, or should this be brought before the Memorial Committee?

I am elated at the thought of getting a house here during the year. Will proceed at once to procure estimates. Will give the enterprise my personal supervision and will guarantee an economical expenditure of funds. Ten thousand dollars will undoubtedly cover all needed outlay for grounds, chapel and parsonage and I hope to be able to reduce this estimate by specifications. It strikes me that the parsonage should be begun first, as its completion would be a saving of \$30 a month rent. What think you? Post me on the steps necessary to get our application before the Committee at the earliest moment possible. If the parsonage will be completed this fall it would be a point gained.

Central City is the center of a population, within a radius of two or three miles of 10,000 and comprises the richest mining district of the Territory. Next to Denver I regard it as the most important point in Colorado. Facts, figures, etc. supplied on application.

Enclosed please find note. I hope to shorten the time, but left a margin for fear. If the Board will refund me one half of what I spent in removal it would free me out of debt on that score.

Yours most affectionately,  
D. H. Mitchell.

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Cheyenne, Wyo. Ter., August 20, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I had a talk with Thompson yesterday about Greeley. He says that Brother Brown has been there from Denver, and the people have about concluded to rescind their former vote, and organize a Presbyterian church. From my conversation with him, I learned these facts, which I think you would do well to have in mind if called there to organize a church.

1st. Meeker, and the Congregationalists generally, are opposed to the movement. 2nd. They have no hope of getting from the Congregational body funds to build a church, and they will acquiesce in Presbyterianism for no other reason. Would a Presbyterian church organized upon merely mercenary considerations be any acquisition? 3rd. I asked Thompson how much they could raise on the ground towards building a church. He said he didn't suppose anything at all. And yet he talked about a church costing \$5000 being required for that place, and this he was expecting to come from the Board and outside donations.

I told him that was all moonshine. Brother Arnold showed me a letter the other day from Secretary Wilson in regard to a grant for Laramie. He says he can give them no encouragement to expect over \$1000. He says that theirs is a necessity growing out of the fact that the five million fund project is cutting in sadly on their contributions, as very many of the wealthiest churches are taking advantage of that arrangement to build additions to their own churches, Sunday School rooms, lecture rooms, manses, &c. to be credited on the \$5,000,000 fund.

Now in my estimation Greeley is not near as important a place (taking the future into consideration) as Laramie. There is another thing to which I wish to call your attention. And by the way, I wish this letter to be entirely entre nous. Mr. Thompson's new-born zeal in the Presbyterian church at Greeley is not wholly disinterested, or Prebyterial. There's a "nigger in the woodpile." Verbum sat.

Now here is the point I wish you to look at: If these Congregationalists go in to a Presbyterian organization reluctantly, and from motives of sheer selfishness, will they not always be a dangerous element, and only await a convenient opportunity of separating themselves and creating division and contention in the future? I should have said, in speaking of Secretary Wilson's letter, that he said to Brother Arnold, "in no case can I give you an assurance of more than one third of the whole cost", &c. So that you can judge whether it would be wise to offer the Gresley folks any considerable bonus in that way as a consideration of their becoming Presbyterians.

I wrote to Brother Cleland, and through him to the Presbytery, in relation to my own wants. I have had no answer as yet--don't know even whether the Presbytery will think it wise to request the Board to raise my salary. Brother Arnold received a despatch from his wife calling him home immediately. He says there is much sickness in the town and he supposes that some of his own family are sick, though the despatch did not so state. He expects to bring them out with him. He says he told Dr. Kendall that if he came out here he would expect the Board to support him.

I find we have not got so nearly out of the woods with this church as I had thought. Scriber tells me that Thompson claims that the church owes him over \$170, which I was not aware of before. Scriber pledged his school warrant in anticipation to a merchant here, to get a carpet for the aisles, and balance in lamps, to the amount of \$90., which, of course, will be coming to him from the church. Our insurance policy was \$80 and there will not be enough money in the treasury to pay it. Under such circumstances I would think it folly to look for the \$250 which was due me the 1st of August. Indeed, they never intimate to me any mode by which it is to be paid, or any expectation of such a result as a possible contingency.

I go to Laramie a week from tomorrow to give Brother Arnold a day. If I had known certainly that you would be found at Denver, I would have asked you to come up and preach for me that day. But if the way should be opened for me to bring my family out here, I shall want you to give me a day after awhile. I am visiting now from house to house, and leaving my cards of invitation. I have visited quite a number of families and all the machine shops, depots &c. this week. There will be quite a stampede from Cheyenne for the next month.

Yours fraternally,  
W. G. Kephart.

Corinne, Utah, August 22, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours with Dr. Wilson's enclosed came safe to hand. I have been prevented from previously acknowledging it through stress of business. We were very much disappointed with the result of our application--only \$2000 in place of \$5000. For I do not depend much upon the promise of Ellinwood in reference to the "perhaps you might get \$1500 from the Memorial Fund." I hope we shall but I very much doubt it. I have written an article for our papers with the hope of interesting the friends of Home Missions in this field. The foundation is laid. We expect to have it ready for dedication on the second Sabbath in October (9th). I have not, as yet, received the communion service.

Yours in Christ Jesus,  
Edward E. Bayliss.

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Hanover College, Indiana, August 24, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

My Dear Brother Jackson:

It is now a long time since you and I last had the pleasure of seeing each other. We have not met I believe since we parted at our graduation at Princeton Seminary. I however have been rejoiced to hear of your good progress, from time to time. The Lord has been with you and has blessed you; and I have no doubt that yours has been and is a happy ministry. I myself have enjoyed a fair degree of success in life, though I have not accomplished what you have. The want of vigorous health has been a considerable drawback to me, and this cause more than anything else induced me two years ago to resign the pastorate of the church in Hamilton, Ohio, and accept a professorship here. For I prefer the ministry of the word to any other calling, and think that none other is equal to it either in importance or in the satisfaction which it yields to a faithful preacher. At present I write you with reference to my father, the Rev. W. Hamilton, D.D. who visited me this summer, and who told me of his desire to try a western field. I think he has written to you already, but I thought that a line from me would enable you to judge whether you have any place where he might labor with profit. He is a man over 60 years of age, but remarkably healthy and vigorous for his years. He has none of those infirmities, such as rheumatism, &c., which oftentimes affect persons past the middle of life. So far as activity and energy and even life and animation are concerned he surpasses, I think, any of his sons, and he has been rather a popular preacher in those villages and country congregations where he has been settled. Since coming to this country, in 1844, (he was sent out as a missionary by the Free church of Scotland) he has spent most of his time in this State, which he greatly prefers to Canada, but for several years past he has been i

Canada. He now seems to desire to labor in the States again. I think probably he would do as well as the generality of our missionaries, though of course, I could not expect for him the same success as if he were yet in his young days. He has no family now save mother (an excellent godly woman) and one little son. When he was here in the summer attending our Commencement I rather dissuaded him from entering on a new field, but from his letters since I find that he still cherishes this idea, and so I thought I would write to you, that you might have an idea of what he might suit and of what might suit him.

I would be very glad if you could pay us a visit here at Hanover some time. It would be on your way east. You might do some good by addressing our young men about the West; and it would gladden and cheer me to take you by the hand again. Can you tell me where brother J. Stuart Reid is now? He was at Hudson, Wis., It was a great regret to some of us here that we could not secure him for pastor at Hanover.

I am, dear Brother Jackson, Yours very truly,  
Edward J. Hamilton.

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Philadelphia, Pa. August 30, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

Though an entire stranger to you you will I believe excuse the trouble I shall give you when you hear my motive in addressing you is a hope to hear from a long absent and only brother four years last March I received a letter from him, saying that he was residing at Denver, since when I have had no intelligence of him, although many letters have been written by friends here, his name is James Henry Millechop. He is about fifty years old, dark eyes and hair, and over medium height and size. Will you be so kind as to enquire of persons at your place and having resided some years there, for information of him, some friend I feel a hope may know when he left and the place he purposed removing to; I will feel myself very much indebted to you for information of him. I have not an acquaintance in your country or would not trouble you to make inquiries for me. I saw your name in our dear Church Paper the Presbyterian, if you should hear of him please address,  
Mrs. M. P. Naudain,  
2103 Brandywine St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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Santa Fe, New Mexico, August 31, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

When I came home last evening I found Mrs. McFarland sick with one of her nervous headache attacks, is better this morning.

Judge Johnson of Albuquerque was here the first of the week. He said to several, as it became public on Monday that we were about buying Edgar's House, which we looked at on that morning; that if we succeeded in getting that house, it would do more to break

the power and influence of the Catholic schools than anything else, and place our schools and mission on a permanent basis.

One thing I forgot to state that whoever in the East will give the funds to purchase and refit that house, or erect a new one for our female or male school, shall have the honor of having his or her name memorialized and thus perpetuated, as the institution shall be named after him or her. This will be a great inducement with some to give of their abundant means. Or else we will call it by whatever name they wish. Since it has become public here that we have a prospect of purchasing Edgar's House or securing other suitable buildings, for our schools, there is an intense interest excited here in Santa Fe on the subject. We cannot stop now without obtaining these and maintain our mission and schools. We will be greatly embarrassed in all our private affairs until the funds come to refund me what I paid for the additional property on the west of this mission property. It cost \$525. Six months interest and two per cent a month, and it will take about \$200 more to repair and put in good order this whole mission property. Not less than \$800 is needed immediately for these objects. I hope you will at once aid and be the means in God's hands, in securing this amount from Christian friends in the States. As it is God's own work, "The King's business requires haste."---

Hope you and Brother Annin and family had a pleasant time of it the next day after I left. Write me soon on the above subjects. Yours,

D. F. McFarland.

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New York City, August 31, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

You will please find enclosed Mr. Abner L. Ely's check No. 21024 on Metropolitan National Bank to your order for Twenty Dollars (\$20) which is in addition to check sent you in January last for seventy three 10/100. dollars.

The enclosed check corrects an error which was not noticed at the time and makes the correct amount Ninety-three 10/100 Dollars, for Account Brick Church Sunday School.

Respectfully yours,

Francis G. Ely,  
P.O. box 1479.

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New York, September 6, 1903.

Rev. S. Jackson,

Dear Brother:

Your letter of the 16th ult. about Westminster church and W. Y. Brown has been received. We wish to say:

1. That Mrs Brown's Commission did not authorize any Presbytery any where to fill it up as to place and amount. That

is something reserved by the Board for its own action.

2. To us here we cannot see any ground of controversy between Presbyterians in Denver. The church came to Chicago Presbytery, solely to obtain Wells and in the belief that we would give more money than the old Board, here. Re-Union being accomplished and the church put back what farther need of controversy? It never was a question of "Schools" and the members of the Westminister never had any rights in the old church which they cannot have to-day if they will only go back there. Then there is only one question to answer. Is a Second Presbyterian Church needed in Denver?

One strong church in a town is better than three weak ones instance, St. Jo and Kansas City, Missouri, and many other places. I cannot see that we ought to have another church in Denver at present. But it seems to us quite essential that if we approve the application we need good assurance of the following things:

1. A good show for money to build a house with;
2. The assurance that the old church will not ask any aid after Mr. Wells' present year closes.
3. The good will and fellowship of Mr. Wells and his people. Can you give any light on any of these points? We of course wish for peace among the people of God in Denver, but if the old church do not unite cordially in their movement, to commission Mr. Brown would be sending not peace but a sword."

As at present advised, we cannot think the population of Denver large enough at present or likely to be large enough for several years, to make the formation of another church advisable. But we shall be glad to hear from you on the whole case.

Yours truly,  
H. Kendall.

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New York, September 6, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

You cannot be too careful not to become involved or take any part in the alienation of the two parties in Denver. You must ignore it some of the time---try to settle it up and reconcile all parties as far as may be. But if the Presbyterian force gets embroiled in Colorado then farewell to all growth. It is most deplorable in Denver particularly the strong point in the State.

We are most anxious to hear from your New Mexico trip.

Yours truly,  
H. Kendall.

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New York, September 8, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Denver, Colorado.

Rev. and Dear Brother: When I came on here, I found that most



of the men upon whom I rely for assistance in my movement, are out of town, and therefore, I have made but little actual progress in raising money; but I am maturing my plans and if nothing interferes with them, I think I shall raise about \$6,000 East; the balance we shall have to raise in the West.

Mr. Kendall seems to be rather jealous of the movement, and has written to Wells in regard to the same--also I believe to yourself. I find that it will help me very much to have a written statement from you embracing among others the following points:

1. The present population of Denver, including the surrounding country who come to Denver to church.

2. As to the prospective growth of the town, the establishment of machine shops, car factories, by Rail Roads, &c. Also smelting works, &c.

3. As to the necessity of this church, and its location north east section of the city so as to be in the middle of a large population within which there is no church building of any denomination.

4. That the establishment of this church is essential to the peace and prosperity of the Presbyterian cause in Denver! I believe it is--and I believe this is the general feeling in the Presbytery.

Please answer, if possible by return mail.

Address Rev. W. Y. Brown, c/o 624 Locust Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Also at Presbytery, please pass if you can a Resolution of Presbytery commending the "Stuart Reunion Church", and especially declaring as the earnest conviction of Presbytery that the establishment of this church is necessary to the peace and prosperity of Presbyterianism in Denver.

Forward this action to me as quick as possible. The Board of Home Missions meets here on the 20th instant at which this whole question of giving me a commission for Denver is to be decided.

If they will not commission me to Denver, or some one else to the Westminster or "Stuart Church", then I think Presbytery ought to interfere and protect the Westminster people in their just rights to the possession of the church building.

Yours, W. Y. B.

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Santa Fe, New Mexico, September 9, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:  
Denver, Colorado.

Although I wrote you a long letter but a few days ago I now write again. There is quite an interest here just now on the subject of Indian Agents to take the place of Army Officers who have lately held these agencies, who are to be soon mustered out. As the direction of President Grant requires each applicant to furnish recommendations from the church to which he belongs, it certainly implies that Christian men are only to be appointed.

With this view now is the time for us all to move in behalf of our own church. There are four Agents to be appointed for this territory that I know of; but there may be more. A general Agent here for the Indian Department, ex-Governor Aruy, now special Indian Agent for this territory may be an applicant for this office. I will know when he comes to Santa Fe next week. He is a member of our church here and would do more than any man I know in behalf of all our missionary efforts in New Mexico. When he comes and does not want it, I will write to you.

Mr. Brier, another member of this church has applied for Agent of the Pueblo Indians. I gave him a recommendation. The other two Agents, one for Navajo Indians at Fort Defiance where Brother Roberts is located. Without his knowledge I have written east to have him appointed. Will you write to parties east in his behalf? Write to the Board of Foreign Missions. I will also write to Dr. Lowrie, Brother Roberts could get an assistant were he appointed, and thus have everything his own way among the Indians.

The other Agent is at Cameron, Judge Houghton, who rode with us to Las Vegas is an applicant. Could you not secure a disabled Minister of our church, or some good Presbyterian for this agency? It would aid all our missions very much. Do make a vigorous effort to get a Minister or member of our church for Cammeron.

I am waiting with much solicitude for a response for deliverance from my personal embarrassment. With kindest regards.

D. F. McFarland.

Write me immediately. I forgot to mention that Bro. David W. Makins of our church came last week as Chaplain to Fort Union, this Territory. He was-recently-appointed Chaplain in U.S. Army. We are all greatly rejoiced at this event.

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Corinne, Utah, September 9, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Thank you for your encouraging letter. I am not receiving many responses to my appeal. Am preparing another not so long. The foundation is laid and the carpenter-work commenced. The building will cost us about \$4800, and allowing \$1200 for finishing, \$6000 in all, completed. A brother minister from New Jersey is sending me \$150 for the pulpit. Drs. Crosby and Dwyer are going to take up collections in their churches for us. There has been considerable delay in the getting out of the lumber for framing, so that we shall not be ready to hold the dedication services before October 26th. I shall do as you suggest, invite all passing over the road at that time to remain over and encourage us by their presence and in money. I hope you will be able to be with us. Trust we shall with God's blessing open the building free of debt.

In much haste, with kind regards from Mrs. Rayliss,

I remain dear brother, Yours sincerely,

Edward E. Rayliss.

Oswego, New York, September , 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:

Please receive the enclosed donation of \$21.00 from the Infant Sabbath School, Oswego, New York, to be appropriated in part or in whole to Rev. George Rice, Idaho, Colorado. Ten for his Sabbath School.

The little children of the Sabbath School will be greatly delighted to hear from him of his School and how he appropriates their money.

One of our missionary boxes we hope soon to have ready. Mr. Kephart will be delayed a little longer before filled. We hope you will always find some way to dispose of our pennies; the children are very liberal in their contributions. Of course we all could do more than we do. I think your labors must be very arduous. Please write when you have another object for our money.

Yours respectfully,  
C. H. Condit.

Please direct the note to Mr. Randolph, so that it may reach him without fail as we are waiting for particular directions before sending his box.

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Central City, Colorado, September 13, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Just before preaching Friday evening at Valmont who should drive up but Rev. Mr. Moore of Canon City. During a brief interview after service Brother Rice learned from him that he contemplated surrendering his commission and going in with some Cumberland brethren, who are expected, in the formation of a Cumberland Presbytery. Mr. Rice strongly advised against such a step. He thinks it would do harm to the cause while doing them no good.

I drop you this line hoping it may be of service to you in your visit to Canon City.

Your Brother in Christ,  
D. H. Mitchell.

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Helena, Montana Ter., September 13, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I drop you a line to inquire what was done last year for our mission church at Helena and to inquire if anything is being done?

Yours truly,  
A. T. Williams,  
Helena, Montana.

I saw in the Presbyterian Banner that your address was changed to Denver, so I address you there.

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Wahsatch, Utah, September 14, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find check for One thousand dollars. It is understood that I will speak to my mother and friends east and see if they can raise this money, a portion of which I will give, but it is given in the shape of a loan until your funds from the east arrive.

Very truly,  
Thomas B. Morris,  
Wahsatch, Utah.

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Rochester, Minn. September 19, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

The letter of Miss Williams has been sent. We are moving in the matter of the Memorial fund. A meeting was held at which it was resolved that the money raised should be used to remove the church debt, and a Committee of "Ways and Means" was appointed, which met and unanimously resolved to undertake the raising of \$2500 and appointed persons to canvass for subscriptions. The enterprise was entered into with considerable enthusiasm. But just then the destructive rains commenced, which have continued, so long and have proved so damaging to the newly harvested crop, the result of which has been a general feeling of depression and discouragement. I do not think, that the ones appointed have done much in the way of endeavoring to obtain subscriptions. This has been indeed a trying season for this place; first came the drouth by which the wheat crop was greatly injured; then came the hail storm which destroyed the entire crop of some and greatly damaged those of many others. And then came the rains, which have destroyed what was left in many cases. You have no doubt heard how Mr. Andrews and Mr. Stansbury lost everything. Mr. Andrews has sold, or rather traded, his house for a farm, which is heavily covered by mortgage. Mrs. Andrews expects to spend the winter at Mr. Stansbury's, while Mr. Andrews does not know what he will do. So you will see that our prospects for removing the debt are not bright unless Mr. Cook will step in and do generously. And the state of his health keeps him out of our reach very much. Mr. Titus was appointed to see him and has had some conversation with him on the subject. But I do not think Mr. Titus was the man, on account of the business relations which he sustains to Mr. Cook. Mr. Cook and wife are now in Chicago to be absent several weeks. He is there to be near his physician. And this is unfavorable to our effort at present. I will make use of your suggestion in reference to having Brother Lyon see Mr. Cook. I had been thinking of the same thing myself. So you are making Denver your base of operations. I wish we might see your cheerful face next week at Presbytery and at Synod. We are in usual health. Mrs. Killen better than when you were here. Give my love to Mrs. Jackson. A box of clothing would be

acceptable this winter as I have told the church that I would endeavor to live on eleven hundred this year.

Your brother,  
J. T. Killen.

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Philadelphia, Pa. September 20, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
My Dear Brother:

We were prepared to make a donation of Social Hymn and psalm Books for "Black Hawk". The Elder called, said he would not take, but would write for them. It was Mr. J. G. Ridley. We have not heard from him since. This is merely to say that any delinquency is not with us. I have put your letter to Dr. Schenck into the October Monthly Record. I also read it to my Walnut Street Sabbath School and got from them fifteen dollars for books for your work. I should like you to have some of our books (I mean those of the late "Committee") that you might know them. How can I best send? Are you ordering anything from Philadelphia or New York? Dr. John Brokus said to me that he thought the Board had better have its Colportage work wound up, and "Publication" cease to be presented for contributions, to the churches of our body. Is this the judgment of the West?

He is to-day with the Committee on Finance, to present a scheme for readjusting all of our Benevolent movements. I trust that the Committee will so report as to give a fresh impulse to our whole work as a denomination. In the Board of Publication we are harmoniously and happily readjusting and consolidating but this involves a great deal of detail, and will occupy much of this year's time and thought.

With kind regards and wishes, fraternally yours,  
John W. Dulles.

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Black Hawk, September 22, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
My dear Brother:

I expect to leave Black Hawk the first of next week. I go to Pueblo. I returned from Pueblo home one week since. My old throat trouble returned upon me before I reached home. I was perfectly free from all asthmatic trouble while in the valley. I propose to preach at Pueblo and also at Brother Irvine's. I cannot hope to get much salary there for the present. I hope to get a liberal grant from the Board of Domestic Missions. I hope to see you at Denver on next Tuesday, if you should be called away, I hope you may leave me any statement in regard to the work, &c. you may think necessary, with any other matter necessary for me to know. I am suffering still with asthma. I am truly your brother in toil,

George S. Adams.

New York, September 22, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

Can you tell me whether the Rev. Mr. Moore has gone to work in Southeast Colorado or not? The Eastern people you know are to pay \$1000 to Arnold and \$800 to Moore. But not if Moore is not at work. Let us know.

2. We have a communication from your Presbytery asking for the addition of salary for Mr. Mitchell at Central City. My only hope at Central was that Mr. M would get possession of the Congregational House in the absence of a pastor and play the same game on them that they did on us! But that failing there is no use in trying there. In my judgment all further outlay at Central is useless, or if not absolutely so entirely unjustifiable when we know how much the same money would do in other places.

As to Georgetown---if the people there cannot raise \$200 at least for horse hire they show too little interest in our cause to make it any object to do anything for them.

Again I have heard in some way that Mr. Adams is sick and down on the plains most of the time and doing almost nothing for Black Hawk, and that you have been arranging for him to go to Pueblo. The latter arrangement is worth trying. I hope it may succeed, and that his health may be restored. In that case I think it highly desirable that Mr. Mitchell should extend his labors so as to include Black Hawk, and ultimately change his base to that point.

3. I have already written you about Brown and the Westminster church. Brown will not get his money I presume and without from \$6000 to \$10,000 from the East it will be useless to try out there. I do not think a Second church is needed there now and to pay \$1200 a year to help Christians in Denver, to keep the peace is not what the churches are giving their money for.

4. We have your Report from New Mexico. It is very exhaustive and satisfactory. It gives us just the information we need. But instead of sending three more men to that field, our judgment is to abandon all Home Mission work in that Territory for the present, turn over Mr. McFarland's School to the Education Board and withdraw Annin or have him taken up by the Foreign Board or by the American and Foreign Christian Union; not that the work is not important there but that for the present, with our present or fairly prospective resources the money will accomplish vastly more elsewhere.

If Montanaws hear not a word from any quarter. Arnold, Kephart, Bayliss, and Brown, are all hard at work and hopeful I believe.

I send you by this a circular which will show you about where we stand on money matters. Our prospects are not flattering. Money comes hard.

Yours truly,  
H. Kendall.

P. S. I have written this to you as our organ of communication. You ought to see how we view things. Please communicate our

views about Mr. Mitchell &c. to the Presbytery, as if officially from us. As to the \$200 for expenses of moving for Mr. Mitchell it does not seem unreasonable and may be brought up again when we get at some readjustment of his position.

Yours, H. K.

Mem.

- Denver:-
1. The population not too large for our church.
  2. 1st Church not over crowded.
  3. Strangers say it there should be two churches.
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1. Town very much scattered.
  2. Most strangers side with the Ministry.
  3. 2d Church a peace measure- Shearer, McCandlish &c. Lawsuit pending.
  4. 2nd Church people will partly scatter to Episcopal, Methodist, &c.
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1. Believe the church will work harmoniously together.  
Kephart, Cheyenne and Greeley.  
Mitchell, Black Hawk and Georgetown.

(Copy)

Philadelphia, September 23, 1870.

Rev. W. Y. Brown,

Rev. and Dear Sir:

Your letter of this date is just received. In answer to your first inquiry, I would say that I did advise an amiable adjustment of the difficulties in Denver by the Presbytery of Colorado, as being on the ground and best capable of judging of the merits of the whole case.

2. In regard to your second inquiry I would state, that as the whole matter had been left to the decision of the Presbytery the blank commission was granted to you with the understanding that, if, in the judgment of the Presbytery of Colorado, there was room for two churches, and that the establishment of the two would secure the most harmonious and peaceable adjustment of the whole case, and they recommended your appointment the second church to be established at Denver, that you would be, at once, located there by the Board.

Fraternally yours,  
G. W. Musgrave.

Cheyenne, Wyo. Ter., September 23, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Tell Gage if he don't send the key of my room back by Reel, I'll -- have to find another, I suppose. Pretty cool affair to lock a man out of his own house and then vamosé with the key!

Can't you arrange matters so as to be with me at a communion on the 3rd Sabbath of October, and go on to Laramie the next Sabbath? The 3rd Sabbath would be the 16th. I could then report for the quarter, as there would be nothing of importance in October to report after the communion, and, if the Board decide to keep me here, perhaps they would pay my quarter that much in advance in order to let me go in for my family.

Thompson, I suppose, will be very much in favor of dividing my time with Greeley. Scriber does not like it at all, but says if we cannot do any better, he supposes we must submit to do the best we can. I suspect a little that Brother Davis is looking a little to a similar arrangement with Greeley. He is now east on a visit with his family. He was very much taken with Greeley, and told me he thought it was a great pity we could'nt move some of our churches down there. If I divide my time with Greeley, I wish he would make the same arrangement, as we could then make an arrangement to alternate on Sabbaths, and thus head off the Methodists and Episcopalians here.

I would just as soon have the two places as one, so far as my labor is concerned. The only point of difficulty I have ever seen lies in my fear that if I alternate with some other point, and others here preaching regularly every Sabbath, there is where people will learn to go, and as a consequence it will be hard to increase our attendance, if, indeed, it can be kept up to its present point.

There is another side, however, to the matter, and a vastly more important one--"what would the Lord have us to do." It does hardly seem right that two ministers should be sustained at a heavy expense at two points so easily accessible to one, while there are so many waste places to fill. And this consideration has the more force inasmuch as neither of the places can contribute anything to lessen the burden to the Board. If it be more in accordance with the will of God that the labor of one minister should be divided between the two places, and thus both men and money economized, then I am willing to risk the consequences here, for God can overrule all apparent hindrances.

Mr. Young will move to California in a few weeks. Reel will move to Denver; we lose by both. Mr. Young has an excellent house that I suppose will be for sale or rent. But I fear he will leave before I know what I am to do, and his house being a desirable one, will probably be immediately taken. Let me hear from you in relation to our October meeting.

Yours fraternally,

W. G. Rephart.

Tell Gage to be sure and send that key immediately if he would not have a reflective sent after him. W.H.K.



Central City, Colorado, September 29, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

This is splendid weather for putting in the foundation of our little church. What is the prospect? I can get the finest location in the city, in my judgment, and as a donation, too, I think. Meantime I am negotiating with the Memorial Committee for \$1000 toward a parsonage. With the donation of that sum I pledge myself to buy a \$1200 building. If you can serve any in this, do.

The allowance of the additional amount of salary voted by Presbytery is a necessity to the occupation of this field. Perhaps the Board should know this.

In reply to my letter to Georgetown nothing has been received. Mr. McClellan was down one day when I was not at home, and he told Brother Adams, as he reported to me, that if I would remove to Greeley things would go on swimmingly, but he did not think occasional service was of any use to them. Do not know whether this is all of the matter or not.

Yours in Christ,  
D. H. Mitchell.

This is in lieu of a visit to the Fair.

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Corinne, Utah, September 30, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I write to apprise you of the postponement of the dedication of our church, on account of unavoidable delays in the delivery of the material, till November 6th. We are pushing the building through as rapidly as possible and find that it will be utterly impossible to have it ready before that time. I have written another article for our papers and hope and pray that the result will be such as to enable us to present our house to the Lord free of debt. It is going to be a very nice edifice quite an ornament to the town.

Some how saw my first article to the papers, took advantage of the hints about an Academy with what results you will see from the clippings which I enclose. I would write you a copy of the article secured were it not that I am very busy just now and it is nearly past time.

Received one on profession at our last Communion; have a meeting of the session to-night to examine another candidate. In haste,

Yours in Christ Jesus,  
Edward E. Bayliss.

P.S. Received the \$2000 from Brother Wilson last night.

E.E.B.

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Santa Fe, New Mexico, October 5, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson,  
Denver, Colorado

Here is the 5th of October and the money I borrowed

to pay for the adjoining property for this Mission falls due the 22nd of this month and I have no earthly prospect of getting the money here. Dear Brother, I do feel under great discouragement, and write to you knowing that you will sympathize with me.

I have just received a letter from Mr. Gilman, chairman of the Five Million Fund Committee, in which he says that the Committee have no funds and can do nothing for me in the purchase of the Edgar property here for our Female School. He says the appeal of Secretary Ellenwood has met with no response and the Committee cannot undertake the work of soliciting the funds. Now what do you advise me to do? Give up all idea of getting that property, and abandon this Mission field, where God has so abundantly prospered our efforts to plant a pure Gospel among this people.

The Catholic schools opened here this week and have taken several of our scholars simply because of their better accommodations. With suitable buildings for our schools this Mission would soon become self-sustaining. The Edgar property can now be bought at the price I offered, with time on the greater part of the money, if we had a few thousand dollars to pay at once. It will not be sold for two or three weeks, waiting on me to take it at my offer. Do write to me at once your opinion. What I should attempt to do in the matter, and when I hear from you, and there is no prospect of securing it, I will give up all hope of seeing the Mission here accomplishing what should be accomplished in the near future. Did you write anything for the papers in the matter? I have seen nothing in any of my papers.

A good Methodist Brother from Chicago, Illinois, spent last Sabbath with me and preached for us. He is on his way to the Pema Indians in Arizona, going on his own responsibility. He expects to visit Tucson the capital. By the way, we should have a Presbyterian minister there immediately. There are some two or three thousand inhabitants, principally Americans, and no Minister of any church in the place.

Do write me immediately as I am in great straits at the present time and know not what to do, but pray God for help.

Truly yours,

D. F. McFarland.

P.S. Excuse my bad writing as I hurt my middle finger, doing most of the work in repairing our house to accommodate our schools for want of money to pay others to do it.

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Central City, Colorado, October 5, 1870.

Dear Brother:

Dr. Kendall sees the situation well. When I decided to come here it was with the expectation of receiving \$1000 on the ground. Private assurances to this effect had been given. But these cannot be realized. To gain a foothold here will require years of outlay--for the present the entire support of

the preacher.

Of Georgetown about the same may be said.

For the remainder of my year---just six months---I have no objection to making a change to Black Hawk if agreeable to them, as I understand it would be, provided the Board continues my appropriation without reduction. The propriety of this will appear from considering that I have been running behind for the last six months. Should the Black Hawk church pay me proportionately as they did brother Adams there would still be a deficit at the end of the year.

As to the \$200. for traveling expenses, if it is delayed much longer it will approach, if not reach, "com' value," Hope it "may be brought up again" before my credit fails.

Hope you will be able to be at Black Hawk Sabbath. They are anxious to consult with you and I doubt not an arrangement satisfactory to them, to the Board and to myself can be made. Come if possible.

You have my sympathies in the trials through which you are passing. The Lord keep and comfort you and yours.

Affectionately your brother,  
D. H. Mitchell.

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Central City, Colorado, October 7, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Upon reflection I fear the matter of the \$200 for expenses was put altogether too mildly in my last.

I will suffer any readjustment our fatherly friend, Dr. Kendall, may prescribe, if only he will send the \$200 soon. And sufficient reason for this readiness for martyrdom you may draw from the fact that, since my ascent of the mountains up to this date I have received but just \$200 from the Board---the second quarter being now due but not received---and that \$100 you borrowed for me (you recollect \$100 of first quarter salary was advanced).

While all the time I am paying \$30 a month for house rent, supporting my family where everything costs from 30 to 50 per cent more than in the States, and paying 2 per cent a month on my freight bill!

Wonder how long the far-seeing Doctor would think a person could stand this without readjustment or being "brought up" flat!

When my position has been readjusted I hope I shall need it much less than now. But here I am --for service or slaughter!

Yours,

D. H. Mitchell.

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Corinne, Utah, October 7, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I write this confidentially for the purpose of asking your advice in reference to my leaving Corinne. I have been thinking of this for the past two months. Neither Mrs. B

nor myself like the place. There is a lack of hearty cooperation on the part of the members; very little piety; scarcely any interest in the spiritual prosperity of our church. The grand aim appears to be a church which will for its architectural beauty be an ornament to our town. Not what can be done for the enlightenment of the ignorant, the reclamation of the backslider, the conversion of souls. The majority of my members have never been near my week-night prayer meeting. Taylor left the church because he found that he could not boss it over me and of course his wife left with him. This dogmatic spirit became apparent the very first public meeting I held in the place. We had met for the purpose of organizing a church choir, a suitable lady had been found who was willing to take the lead, very well skilled in music. Taylor opposed it on the ground that we did not know each others abilities, and another thing, he was not going to sing under any woman. The result being after having interested seven individuals to be present for the purpose of organizing the majority left displeased and would not meet to practice after. Again we called a meeting for the purpose of taking steps to get up a festival, quite a number of the friends gathered, willing to take hold and put the thing through. Taylor threw cold water on the meeting by opposing, and demanding what the object of the festival was, he having been previously informed. After the organization of our church and election of an elder, he was awfully out of sorts because he thought he was slighted in not being elected. After drawing up my first article for publication he felt slighted because his name was not mentioned and his wife would not, after requesting six copies, sent them to their friends, on the ground that it was of no use sending them to their friends as Mr. Taylor's name was not mentioned. But please pardon my bringing such rubbish before your notice. It verily appears nothing short of child's play, but such play makes it very unpleasant for the minister. ---I have had heard through Dr. Wilson that Brother Arnold will probably have to leave Laramie on account of the Church Erection Committee not being in a condition to render him the assistance asked for. Now I have thought that it would be a great saving to the funds of our Mission Board if Arnold came here instead of their paying the expenses of a man from some Eastern State. What do you think? I have thought that I am deficient of the requisite executive ability required in a field like this. Due, probably, to my English training. These Western pioneers are a very difficult class to deal with. If I had charge of a church, or churches in the East I feel confident of means, because the manners and customs are more similar to what I have been accustomed. Mrs. Bayliss is expecting to be confined in about four weeks from present date so that I could not well leave before December, but I thought that I would write you for counsel in the matter. I shall not write Dr. Kendall before I hear from you, provided you answer at your earliest convenience. I should like to see our church put through successfully before I leave.

Hoping to hear from you immediately, I remain Dear Brother,  
Yours in Christ Jesus,

Edward E. Bayliss.

N.B. Private correspondence: please don't mention the matter to any one, until you hear from me again.

Cheyenne, Wyo. Ter., October 10, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Thompson says he will ship the pulpit. He saw Bridges while in Chicago, and talked over the matter of our meeting house. Says he told Bridges that we claimed to have a full offset to his claims. He says Bridges seemed very much surprised that you should have known that when you settled with him, and told him nothing of it. I told Thompson that my understanding was, that you did tell him of it, and he was unwilling to allow it. I regret that you gave Bridges that order on the Trustees, as it seemed like a certificate (as he construes it) that they owed him that amount and I am fearful he may so use it legally, if he is disposed to make us trouble.

Have you had a letter from Arnold? He writes me that the Church Erection Board have given him a flat refusal. I did not understand it. A rich lady in Newport, Rhode Island, has written him, however, that the church must be built, and says, "write and let us know what you need." This, he says, came from a quarter entirely unlooked for and has cheered him wonderfully. Her husband he writes, is a millionaire. Brother Arnold also writes me that he had just had a communion at Rawlins, received three members, and baptized a babe. That is encouraging for Rawlins.

I have received no intimations of the mind of the Board as yet, and October is gliding along so rapidly that I am getting a little fidgety.

The Rutgers church sent us out a box of books last week. They came without any bill with them, and with no mark to designate from whom or whence they came. The express agent said there was an express charge of \$18.50 on them. I left them in the express office, expecting that I would get a letter from some one in relation to them.

Two days after I got a letter from Mr. J. R. Skidmore, stating that they had sent the box and that Wells, Fargo & Co. had instructed their agent to deliver the books to me at their office in Cheyenne free of all charges. I went down and showed the letter to the agent, Mr. Bell. He said they had sent him no such instructions, and if he should let them go without instructions he would become personally responsible to the Company if they saw fit to make him say it, which was no doubt correct. I have written on to Mr. Skidmore the state of the case, leaving the box till I get a return answer, when I suppose Mr. Bell will be put all right, and we will get our books. Mr. Skidmore writes me that there are 150 volumes, and from the size of the box they must be pretty good sized volumes. This will make us quite a good sized library for the size of our school.

I married a Presbyterian from Greeley at my room last Friday, a Mr. Keeler. His girl came alone from New York city. He met her here, brought her up to my room, I went with him, got license, and married them in time to take the Denver train. Pretty quick work, but I guess it will stand. I hope this will find you well. Respects to Mrs. Jackson.

Yours &c.,

W. G. Kephart

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P.S. - Thompson removes temporarily to Greeley tomorrow. Our Sabbath School Superintendent has gone to Pennsylvania for a wife. He says it will add another Presbyterian to our church.

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Las Vegas, New Mexico, October 12, 1870.

My Dear Brother Jackson:

I received yours of the 5th Monday morning the 9th. I have written, as you find enclosed to the Board of Home Missions. I hardly know whether to send it or not, whether it is right or not. Send it on if you see no objection. At present I cannot believe that this mission is to be abandoned, but I don't know. I wrote to Mrs. Graham soon after I heard an intimation concerning removal and she replied "I cannot think that the Board will remove you but should they think of it, or intend it, we will see what we can do." I have had it in my mind for a good while to write to the American and Foreign Christian Union though on another matter. It seems to me that the work here is a good deal in their line. There are a good many things that occur to me to say, or to ask, which I have not said or asked in my letter. 1st, Is it not strange that the Board should not write to the men on the ground (the Missionaries) at a very early day in the history of the proceedings? 2nd. Would the Board dissolve and disorganize the Presbytery of Santa Fe of its own authority and motion? 3rd. Is not this a matter on which the Secretaries would desire and should have the deliberate counsel of the Board in full meeting and on which the Board would hesitate to act until the Assembly should have opportunity to traverse and investigate the whole matter? These inquiries of course are between you and me (at present). I have n't money enough to go away from here free from debt. I doubt whether I could come to Denver. But all is in God's hands and God's our Father. In a long wakeful time I had last night the words came into my mind and I repeated them often, "Trust in the Lord and do good so that thou dwell in the land and verily, &c."

Yours truly,

J. A. Annin.

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Laramie, Wyo. Ter., October 14, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

Yesterday I received your letter and was glad to hear from you. In regard to your coming, we shall be most happy to see you, but will be very glad to have you with us one week from next Sabbath as it will be our communion, D. V.

We also expect some ten or twelve to unite with us on that occasion. I send this to Cheyenne fearing you may not get it before you leave your home.

We have just moved into our new house, which is quite convenient. Mrs. Parish gave us \$500 towards our home, and seems

greatly interested in all our prospects and labors.

In regard to our house of worship I hardly know what to think; our only hope is, God lives, and He will provide for the wants of his people. I have written a long letter to the Brainard Church as you suggested. I also correspond with Fisk's of Brooklyn, and with a Mr. White of Albany, so you see I am not idle. Mrs. Arnold writes much to Mrs. Parish and others.

I have written this in great haste. Mrs. Arnold joins in kind regards. When you come I have much to tell you. This evening I go to Rawlings, Percy etc.

If possible please spend the 23d with us. I believe you will be strengthened and refreshed for your work by coming. The cars are just leaving. God bless you and Brother Kephart. Did Brother Kephart get that petition to President Ames?

Yours truly,  
F. L. Arnold.

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Idaho, Colorado, October 14, 1870.

Rev. S. Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

Yours of October 11th is to hand, also the books.

It is with the greatest pleasure and satisfaction we receive the kind donation--many thanks to you and the kind donors. May kind heaven reward. With the greatest pleasure we send as requested the names, ages and size of our family. That is the three that are still a charge under our care.

Daniel Draper, 14 years old, past five feet 2 1/2 inches high; twenty-seven inches around waist, 16 1/2 inches across shoulders, arm 23 inches long.

Violet Calperna, nine years old, 4 feet 3 inches high, 22 inches around waist, 13 inches across shoulders; arm 17 1/2 inches long.

Finis Wing, 4 years old, 3 feet 2 1/2 inches high, 2 1/2 inches around, 12 inches across shoulders; arm 12 inches long.

As regards the kind of articles I would sat, Economy is the main thing to be observed. Any article that we can use will be very acceptable.

Have been hoping to get a letter from you saying that you were coming to preach three or four days during which time we could select a suitable location for a church house. Have two or three in view. But as you have said nothing in relation to when you can come or whether you can come at all. Would be very thankful for any instructions.

Our cause appears to be increasing some although rather slowly. Best respects to you and family.

Your brother in Christ,  
George Rice.

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Colorado City, Colorado, October 18, 1870.

Brother Jackson:

I arrived in safety Thursday night. I suppose you have seen Brother Douglas. I preached 15 miles below Colorado City Sabbath afternoon and at Brother Irvine's. Mr. Warren, Methodist Minister, took me in his buggy. I found 8 Congregationalists 15 miles down the fountain and think probably I shall preach there regularly. They offered to keep me if I would come and live among them. Mr. Miller gave me the card of a Mr. Bandollar to whom he said he would send my trunk. As there is no such name in Pueblo, I suppose he has sent it down there. Will you see him about it? I'd like to have my trunk as soon as possible.

Yours in the cold and in haste, and in  
Much love

H. B. Gage.

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Central City, Colorado, October 18, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Despite the storm I spent the Sabbath at Golding, which with the storm and the failure to publish the notice, the audience was not overwhelming. In that evening I prudently doubled teams with Brother Millington.

What do I think? Those whom I met seemed anxious to have a preacher settled there. A small congregation might be gathered and a small sum raised for support. Beyond this, unfortunately, there is nothing. Or at least nothing appears. Ought I voluntarily to risk myself there? The fact is my present predicament is positively puzzling. So far as my judgment goes Denver and Central are the only promising points in these parts. The former is occupied and the latter is to be abandoned. What am I to do? Of course I might go to Golding to fill out my year or any other place. But would that be expedient? Or I might surrender my commission and thus undertake to master the situation myself.

Nothing from the Board yet. No man ought to run the risk to his reputation which I am compelled to do by this failure of my salary. After negotiating for a three months credit to fail in meeting my obligations then is too bad. The Board should pay monthly or, if by the quarter, in advance. To put off pay day for three months and then disappoint expectation is trying human nature beyond reason. Nobody is to blame but the system.

Hope you succeeded in getting your instalment. Maybe, after a little, will forget these initial troubles.

Very truly your Brother,  
D. H. Mitchell.

P.S. You will conclude that I decided to decline your invitation to visit Denver. I hope that it will not be long before I accept the same. Not knowing the extent of the storm in the mountains and my wife not being well, I "felt" to return at once. By the way, I have an invitation from Mr. McCoy to send him an appointment, for Georgetown. He ought to be elder up there. D.H.M.

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Corinne, Utah, October 19, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Your letters were received; thanks for the cheering nature of their contents. Since writing you I have felt very much encouraged in view of the manner in which members of our church are coming into our place, next Lord's Day I receive six into communion, five on certificate and one on profession, and baptize one. I have a little job on hand for you at dedication day, if, please God, my wife is sufficiently recovered so as to be able to get out to church. We have an accession of two little fellows, both doing well. Mrs. Bayliss had a real hard time of it, is to-day feeling better and looking brighter. A good missionary box is very much needed by us at present. I am rather short of warm clothing. Mrs. Bayliss ditto, and then we only looked for, and consequently provided articles for one little stranger instead of two.

Many thanks for your kindness. With Christian love to your family, I am dear Brother,

Yours in Christ,  
Edward E. Bayliss.

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Omaha, October 19, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours of the 5th and 10th instant I just received yesterday. D. V., I will be in Black Hawk next week to preach on the following Sunday. If possible I will come directly from here. I should if I had funds, but our last quarterage has not been received, which has made me short. This is final -- nothing but some interposition of Providence will prevent my coming.

I feel very grateful for your kind word of sympathy in my very great bereavement, and also for that of Mrs. Jackson, and my prayer is that you may not need the same.

Yours in the Gospel,  
W. E. Hamilton.

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Brooklyn, October 22, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Thanks for the "Interior"--a satisfactory article that. If we can only wait, right will be made manifest. Dr. Musgrave must have an uncomfortable spirit. Your work is telling. Shall you get any of the Memorial Fund? You could dispose of a goodly portion in a goodly way.

We returned to Brooklyn September 25th after an absence of three months; my health steadily improving all the time; feel almost as before my sickness, still not quite as to strength. How is your wife bearing all these changes since leaving the pretty little Manse? Is her health good? Are you comfortably housed? What more can I do to stop the Presbyterian? it has

been delivered here all summer though I wrote to Philadelphia and you, to have it stopped. Please try again to have it understood; it troubles me. I have discontinued pamphlets &c. it is so troublesome to the servants, each requiring a ring at the door, and I could not read all I took.

The Second Presbyterian Church has adopted the Jay Street Presbyterian and have just started together hopefully. Rev. Mr. Green, former Pastor in Jay Street, now over the two congregations. Shall you come East this fall? I would love to hear from you if you do not come, and see you if you do.

It is bed time and I must stop. Mr. Holiday is doing well in his little church. The Trasks are well, would send love I know. We often speak of you and yours. E. joins me in love to Mrs. Jackson and yourself. What of the children?

Yours in Christ,  
S.M.G. Merrill.

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St. Paul, October 27, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

We had almost forgotten your familiar--once familiar hand--till of late your letter revived the impression.

You have indeed had a siege of sickness; well that Mrs. Jackson, the sick, was able to attend upon the sick. We have all been pretty well. We are yet unsettled, warming in one house and eating in another five doors away.

My work has much increased since the reconstruction -- I am trying to bring the Presbyterians to look more after their own and to lessen the distance between them and their missionary work, and often take one or other member of the Missionary Committee with more way towns---as for instance brother Kerr and I make a visit to the upper Minnesota Valley next week visiting and preaching to five little churches, and organizing one new one. I think it the better way. The Missionary work has in some cases drifted too far away from the Presbytery and its supervision.

I am no more certain about my work or appointment than formerly. Living from hand to mouth--Don't know when the masters will turn the wheel at New York.

Our meeting of Synod was harmonious and a pretty good spirit prevailed. Brother Gage I begin to fear is a little fickle. He will incur the charge of being a coquette in regard to churches unless he fixes down some where soon. I would like him up here, but he stands off and then on---don't know where he is now.

Don't know whether I can go to Rochester or move Mr. Cook if I did. All send love to Mrs. Jackson and the children.

Yours truly,  
D. C. Lyon.

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Colorado City, Colorado, October 29, 1870.

Brother Jackson:

Mr. Douglas wishes to know whether you have sent east for the dismissions, I mean church certificates, for himself and family. He does not wish to send for them if you have.

I have been out on the "divide" 18 miles and have assisted three days in building the new Methodist Episcopal Church. They seemed very anxious to have me preach there regularly. There is one Presbyterian family. Tomorrow Rev. Warren, Rev. Perkins and I expect to hold a series of meetings 18 miles down the Fountain. The appointment was made before I saw either of them. I go to assist. There are three Congregational families near the place, one half way down to Brother Irvine's.

The people are not supplied with singing or Hymn books. I have spoken to Brother Douglas about it and (also to Brother Warren, M.E. Minister) and he thinks it would be best for us to have two dozen books "Presbyterian Psalmodists", and have them kept by some one.

I have not yet seen my truck. I think I shall go to Pueblo next week. I hoped to have heard from you about it before this. I am not in a very good state for clothing till I get my trunk.

Yours in haste,

H. B. Gage.

P.S. Heard from Brother J.S. Gage this evening. He received a quasi call from Central City, Iowa. He is now at home, Roxabelle, Ohio.

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Saturday "Eve", Percy Station, October 29, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I have just addressed a very earnest, attentive congregation at the ticket office in this place, and I experience great joy in holding up Jesus Christ to such a hungry people as this, all the section men came in, and they look forward to the time I come with great delight.

Since you were at our house we have received letters from Mrs. Parish but not the least encouragement in regard to our house of worship. In my report I told the secretaries I should have no courage to remain at Laramie unless we should have a church building erected. If we have an edifice I am promised \$300 towards my support, and I am fully convinced it would be but a very short time before we become self-supporting. Tokens of kindness meet me everywhere, but as I and others have promised them a church building, if they would do all they are able, I cannot stay if we fail. I have no ray of hope from any human source, and can only say "My Soul wait thou only upon God for my expectation is from him."

Rev. J. O. Filmore, D.D., of Niagara Presbytery, preaches in Laramie tomorrow, a cousin of Superintendent Filmore. He is much interested in our church there. I think you will meet him at Corinne the 6th. What day will you pass through Laramie? With many prayers and good wishes I am, Yours truly,

F. L. Arnold.

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Blair, Iowa, October 29, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours received. I do hope you will not send the \$2500 church. 1st. I came to Fremont with the promise of a little better building than that. And without some such building it will be hard to compete with existing denominations. I feel inclined to make a long, steady pull at Fremont till something permanent has been effected at least.

2nd. \$2500 will not fulfil the condition of the obligation which Galpin and Alcorn gave, viz. a \$3000 church as you had privately promised \$3000. However that will not trouble us. It will be \$3000 in the end. I am not sure this is the best. A prospective Railroad will advance property in value. Blair will probably build ten miles this fall and secure land grant- It may soon be hard to get other lots, and the ones we have are likely to become more central so Alcorn thinks since Blair arrived with his Railroad proposition this week.

I am more pleased with Fremont as a place of prospective importance. We need a chapel at Blair. I wish you would see Mr. Brown, A. C., New York in regard to parsonage for Fremont; rents are awful. And as bad if you try to board.

The Congregational minister pays \$300 for a house worth \$1000. I pay \$75 for one small room.

I had thought of writing Mrs. Brown. I am not discouraged though annoyed at Fremont. I can take a good deal now.

The people here think \$1000 would suffice for a chapel.

Mr. Walker says Sioux City Railroad will not touch Columbus.  
John L. Gage.

I will try and hold the lots in reserve. The Congregational Minister is very fraternal at Fremont. Dr. Chase will make trouble. He has written contract for \$3000.

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Cheyenne, October 29, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Mr. Fredendal, who married Dora Karns a short time since, has removed to Denver to take charge of the store of Mr. Martin, for whom he has been clerking in this place. Neither Dora nor her husband are members of the church. Will you call on them once in a while, and try to have them attend one of the Presbyterian churches in Denver?

I have had no word from the Board yet. They have delayed action upon my case so long that I fear if they do agree to renew my commission, as requested, they will date it from the 1st of November, instead of the 1st of August. That would only give me \$250 for the quarter just ended. There will be some \$70 of that (more if they should delay payment beyond the usual time) due Brother Scriber on my boarding, which will hardly leave me enough to bring my family out. But by the way, what is the regulation of the Board in such cases? Does the Missionary have to take his family out to his field at his own expense, or that of the Board? Foreign missionaries, I know, go at the expense

of the Board, but I do not know what the regulation of our Board is.

Brother Davis returned yesterday, but I have not yet seen him. I suppose you can find Fredendal by calling at the Fremont House, which, I think, is kept by Dora's uncle. My best respects to Mrs. Jackson.

Yours, fraternally,  
W. G. Kephart.

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York, Pennsylvania, November 2, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I have just written to Brother Gage asking in regard to his church and whether most of those Pledges have been redeemed, &c. Now I feel prompted to turn to you. Wonder why I have not actually written you before, as I have thought of you so often. I lived over the experiences I had with you and the other brethren and sisters last spring! But, the summer has been a very broken and busy one to me. Absent from home a great deal, and when at home of course burdened with double cares! I hope you have had a pleasant experience and are now fresh and strong and hopeful, for the winter campaign. As for Brother Gage I have delayed sending anything till I might secure some appropriate action from our whole +Presbytery in behalf of the general Home Missioaries interest, as well as that particular church at Central. But I did not expect that so much time would elapse. Now, I fear I made a mistake, and that the central brethren may have wondered at, or been embarrassed by my delay. Perhaps, however, it may prove that I am not the only tardy one, or that the Church Erection Board did not promptly carry out Brother Ogden's plans (?) How is it? Is the Church likely to get out of trouble? If necessary I will have our amount sent immediately. But, if others are also delaying, or if the whole project is likely to fail, then I will take time further, to carry out my general plan.

I see that Brother Hawley has gone to your Denver Church. Hope he is encouraged and happy in the (great) change!

Tell me anything new and stirring in regard to the Home work. Also will you please give me in substance, your story of the Old Colored Woman with her Wash Tub, who became the founder of the Central Church? I have no notes of it, and there are some points I cannot distinctly recall. Please give them to me.

Trusting that you and yours are well and prosperous, and with kind regards for Mrs. Jackson and the Hawleys, and hoping to hear from you, I am Fraternally yours,

H. E. Niles.

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Philadelphia, Pa., November 3, 1870.

Rev. S. Jackson,  
My dear Friend:

A few days ago I received your welcome letter and was sorry to hear of the varied trials through which you had been called to pass. Dear Mrs. Jackson must have been almost worn out.

I hope you are e'er this time all restored to your usual health and the dear babe spared to gladden weary hours.

Dr. Jacobus wrote to me for the name of a missionary for his church to supply with a Box of clothing. I gave him the Rev. George Rice of Idaho; we will take Mr. Gage and direct to your care. Dr. Dickson wrote to me recently to ask if he should send to me from time to time some of the applications for clothing as they are received and adds, "the great embarrassment of our Treasury for funds makes the appeal for clothing more urgent."

I was told our friend on 11th Street remarked that \$25,000 of the money he left in the Treasury went to pay New School men; my informant remarked he presumed he did not now feel so aggrieved over "outside operations" as they donated to the right persons; he also said the expenses of the office was \$25000 a year and twice they had borrowed \$25,000, so that they have at present a debt of \$50,000. Dr. Dickson has been meeting with some of the Synods making effective speeches, it is hoped that will tell on the collections soon to be made.

Our friend, the Rev. W. W. McNair is at present at Atlantic City, trying to build up a church there. He dined here yesterday he is encouraged to think he will succeed. Mary Lyon is spending the winter here, taking and giving lessons in music.

Great efforts are now making on behalf of the Memorial fund; many express their fears that it will interfere with the contributions to our different Boards. Much is said about parsonages for our Pastors at home, memorial churches in the west, and diversified objects are discussed. I hope as a matter of pride none will give to the withholding of more important objects. We are having unusually warm weather here--it can scarcely be said we have had frost yet. We have experienced a great loss in the death of Miss Holland, her influence was felt in other churches as well as the one where she held her membership. Dr. Boardman has commenced preaching in his own church once a day. Dr. Davidson formerly of New Brunswick supplies in the afternoon.

I did not know whether you wished me to write to Mrs. Fox in regard to a Box of clothing for Rev. F. L. Arnold; if you have communicated with the Lafayette Church yourself and drop <sup>me</sup> her a few lines it will only show my zeal in the good work.

With much love to Mrs. Jackson and the children, I am

Your friend and sister in Christ,

H. M. Newkirk.

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Lexington, Ky., November 5, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Friend:

Your note of the 28th October has just reached me at this place, having been forwarded from Astoria. I regret that the \$100 promised has not been sent to you yet. I deposited it with the Board of Church Erection in New York for your special

work on the Pacific Railroad. They may have credited it to the Second Presbyterian church of Lexington, Kentucky, as I declined having my name used in that connection. I requested them to let it go as a contribution to the \$5,000,000 Memorial fund. The Board of Home Missions declined receiving the \$100 as a special contribution, or rather declined allowing a part of my contribution of \$250 to that Board to be appropriated specially to your field, so as I have stated it was paid to the Board of Church Erection as already stated. It was paid September 30, 1870. I regret exceedingly the embarrassed condition of the treasuries of our different Boards. I would gladly increase my contributions were it in my power. The claims are very urgent and I feel that all professing Christians should do their utmost to advance the great interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

I am very truly your friend,

John W. Scott.

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Central City, Colorado, November 7, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

A letter from Mr. Stewart from Georgetown gives substantially the same views you stated. Mr. Ruliffson, who called on his return from Georgetown, gave as the result of a conference with Messrs. Stewart, McClellan and Buchanan a division of counsel, viz. the latter two insisting on my removal to Georgetown and Mr. Stewart consenting to a supply, for the time being, one half of the time. My own judgment is that the supply of Golden City and Georgetown until Presbytery meets offers the best field. This work I am ready to undertake as soon as you direct, without waiting for any additional appropriation from the Board, provided only the people will bear the expense. In my present financial condition, it is simply impossible for me to pay stage fare and hotel bills. I plainly told Mr. Stewart so in my reply to his letter, and I apprehend no further difficulty on this score as to Georgetown. Dr. Buchanan will be here this week.

If you can visit Golden City and arrange matters there, drop me a line. Mr. Hamilton is in Black Hawk. Have not learned what reception he has met, but I think he would be a valuable acquisition to our Presbytery. Eventually the church at Black Hawk will, I fear, "play out."

Very affectionately your Brother,  
D. H. Mitchell.

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Fountain, Colorado, November 9, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

In connection with three Methodist Episcopal Ministers I have been participating in a protracted meeting 15 miles below Central City. I expect I shall preach here regularly once a month. Of course the meetings partook of the M. E. element, but I found no great difficulty in working with them. Brother Irvine

comes up part of the time and is much interested. There have been several (9 or 10) hopeful conversions and twice that number who were church members in the States, but who no longer considered themselves Christians, have started again. A Baptist Minister was here 1 1/2 days from Canon. There has been very little excitement but a deep thoughtful work. It is the first revival they ever had in this neighborhood. There are 7 congregationalists who will--they told me---probably join us, and there may be others. The M. E. Minister and I agreed it was best to say nothing about joining one church or another to any till the revival was over. The people have been raised Methodist Episcopalians or Baptists. I suppose the latter will organize here soon. I have told the persons that asked me, that we would not organize a separate church here, but would form one church with Colorado, with two preaching points. Dr. Berry preached at Central City for the last Sabbath. I suppose you have seen him. Have not seen Mr. Douglas for nearly two weeks. The people would like to have me remain down here during the winter and it seems desirable that some minister should be among them. Mrs. Rosworth offered to furnish my board soon, fire, light, and washing, for \$5.00 a week. I don't know what it will cost in Central City.

Have you written to Mr. Babbitt of Glendale, Ohio. A friend writes me that the Superintendent asked the children "What they wanted to assist, as Mr. Gage had gone to the active work." I am about out of money. I hope the little one is improving. Bless the babies for me. Remember me to Mrs. Jackson. I am very much pleased with my surroundings so far.

Yours in Christ,  
H. B. Gage.

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Central City, Colorado, November 10, 1879.

Dear Brother Jackson:

As your suggestion in yours of yesterday, is substantially the same as mine of the same date to you, we will consider that settled, viz., that I begin the supply of Georgetown and Golden City at once. The Georgetown people through Mr. Stewart in a letter just received, offer to pay my expenses in traveling, about twice a month and I will arrange for an appointment, hoping that the Board will eventually increase my salary to the living point.

The arrangement I spoke of at Golden City is settled, unless they invite and propose to pay my expenses for the dark both as to my own acceptability and the plan for half of the time.

Mr. Stewart thinks the Board should pay my traveling expenses, he says, can meet my traveling expenses and the necessary dental, and this call. He desired me to call on the Board to the matter of support. Very affectionately,

D. H. Mitchell.



Corinne, Utah, November 11, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

The time is very near when you will probably be here once more. Whether you will find all things as you expect or hope remains to be seen. I cannot be a member of the Presbyterian church here as things now are. I have before understood the organization to be Republican in its form. The only request I have now to make is, that you come without prejudice, and give time to fully understand how matters are and what can be done here for the good of Christ's cause in this town.

Very truly yours,  
A. W. Taylor.

The church is now rec'g its first coat of plaster- are receiving hurrying it along as fast as we can. I have permission to draw on a party in Connecticut for a bell for the church as soon as the building is paid for. -If-I-find-that-I-can stay in the church here I will draw for the bell any time now as we can see our way pretty clear; but do not feel like putting a bell in a church where I have been completely forced out of. A.W.T.

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Corinne, Utah, November 11, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I think the Social Psalmist would serve every purpose if you can furnish us with a sufficient number of copies? There will be forty-nine pews in all, together with the choir platform and pulpit ditto. We have not ordered the seats as yet, on account of not having the money in hand to pay for them. Shall have to borrow the opera house settees for the occasion. Took up our collection for Home Missions last Sabbath, amount \$25.50. The first collection taken up by this church for any outside object, yea, in fact any inside either. Hope you will not forget the communion set. Have received a fine large pulpit Bible from the Infant Class of the 4th Presbyterian Church of Syracuse, New York. Judge Edwards and lady spent last Lord's Day with us; were very much pleased with our work and prospects, and gave me a present of \$100 to procure chandeliers and stoves, and so on. Dr. Ellinwood urging him to forward immediately the \$1500 for the Memorial Committee. Hope to receive two members on dedication day. Would like you to be here next Friday night if at all possible, as there are several items of business for you to see, one of which a very serious charge by Mr. Taylor, for which you are to suspend me from the Ministry. I got Bayliss his place, and I can get him out of it; so outsiders are talking around. He is the only man in connection with our interests that I cannot get along with. All the members are unanimously in favor of my remaining. I shall appoint a meeting for the Saturday evening previous to the dedication for the purpose of filling the vacancies in the Board of Trustees, Governor J.W. Shaffer the chairman, having died and Taylor having forfeited his position by withdrawing from the church and throwing in his interest and influence.

which we were led to expect

the Methodists; friend Johnson says that he is acting as sexton in the Methodist Church. Judge Edwards having heard something about his disposition and conduct said that he has no right to occupy the position of a Trustee. But more when I see you.

Yours in Christ Jesus,  
Edward W. Bayliss.

P.S. - The Brother you spoke of in a previous letter has not to my knowledge gone to Helena. Should like if he could come out with you and assist at the dedication.

Yours fraternally, E.E.B.

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Fountain, Colorado, November 12, 1870.

Dear Brother:

"Oh, not as tho' we had no hope,  
We sorrow o'er the slain;  
For well we know in the land of light  
We shall meet them all again.  
As gems to fill his starry crown  
Jesus took those we love;  
For every name that's lost below  
He gains one more above."

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The singing books we want for the church at Colorado. I have a dozen small ones to carry around. You had better come on the 2d Sabbath of December in order to allow time for letters from the East and there will be hardly time to get here by the 1st Sabbath.

The meetings here I suppose will close tomorrow, though they may continue all week. When you come we must have a convention at Colorado City in the morning and here in the afternoon or evening. I will have them send for letters at once, as they may not be here before the 11th of December. Mr. Irvine's trunk yesterday from Pueblo.

When you come to "Monument Creek", which is at the base of the Divide on this side, you will be three miles from Mr. Adams' house. There is a house on the creek bank you will pass at. 2 1/2 miles from there you pass through a gap in the mountains and Mr. Douglas's house is 1/2 mile in full view on the right of the road and at the foot of the mountains, under them. If it is daylight you will have no trouble, at dark you can't find it.

Yours in Jesus,  
H.B.Gage.

Mr. Irvine says "we will do nothing at Pueblo till we see a man there. Mr. Adams' health is such he can do nothing." Just received a letter from Lowrie, who says he will be here two or three weeks. Please bring me a bottle of when you come. How soon may I expect to hear from Mrs. Irvine?

Yours in haste,  
H. B. Gage.

Glendale, November 14, 1870.

Rev. S. Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

I take pleasure in acknowledging your note concerning our young Brother H. B. Gage. I mailed to him on Saturday a check for \$55. Of this, \$40 was a quarterly payment, the same in amount we have been paying. The other \$15, is a donation from H.W. Hughes, Esq., to purchase the articles you spoke of. Whether the aid thus far given to Brother Gage is continued will depend somewhat on the response to certain questions we have ~~been~~ put to him. Some are in favor of helping a student actually in course of study, but if Brother Gage stops ~~to~~ to recruit his health and will certainly resume next year, ~~unless~~ forbidden providentially, I think we ought to cleave to ~~the~~.

I am sorry, very sorry that our Home Missionaries have to wait some of them for their drafts from the Board. We have just taken up a collection of \$100. I wish it were a ~~little~~.

Reciprocating your wishes for a blessing on my work,

Yours fraternally,  
Wm. H. Babbitt.

I addressed my letter on Saturday H. B. Gage, Colorado City, Colorado. I suppose that is correct.

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Central, Colorado, November 14, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

In reply to Dr. Boardman's note I am at a loss what to send besides the number of my family and the children's names, and this I give herewith:

Family six in all. Three girls respectively 8, 9 and 10 years. (Florence, Grace, Lily), one contraband 14 years, ~~and~~ Annie (Annie), and my wife and self. Please be so good to put this in shape and forward the same.

Apropos to this subject of boxes I enclose a copy of the inquiry from my brother which please answer.

Have arranged to go to Georgetown on the ~~next~~ ~~trip~~ ~~paid~~. Have nothing from the Board yet. By the way, I wish to visit Cariboo on this trip? Dr. Bucher ~~has~~ found it pleasant. He took a team and returned ~~the~~. We could do the same or stop for the night at ~~Bellevue~~.

Very truly,  
D. H. Mitchell.

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Georgetown, Colorado, November 14, 1870.

Rev. Mr. Jackson,  
Denver, Colorado Ter'y,  
Dear Sir:

I regret very much no knowing you were ~~in~~ returned through there two weeks since. You ~~are~~ we have been very remiss in not availing ourselves

VICES of some of our Ministers here during the summer.

With no church building or other suitable house that we could secure for permanent place of worship, we have felt that it was best to wait until the Baptist (who, even since their minister left have held on to the Congregational church under lease) should give up getting a preacher and deliver the church building to the Congregational people. Their time recently expired and the Congregational people (few in number) express themselves willing to lease the church to us. And the time seems favorable for us to start and secure the cooperation of the Congregational Baptist and Dutch reform element. Arrangements have been made to get Brother Mitchell to preach next Sabbath after which we will have a meeting of the congregation so as to fully confer over the situation, and make mature definite arrangement about the house, and take such preliminary steps as may be thought best and consistent with Brother Mitchell and our relations to Presbytery and the Board, to secure the future---- One thing troubles us, and that is our inability to do much toward his support and the limited and contingent salary he is to get from the Board. How he can live here on less than \$2000 is a problem I cannot solve unless he is a second edition of George Muller--- I do not allude to this phase of our situation to intensify the solicitude I know you feel for us and others, in view of the financial condition of the Board, but to explain our hesitancy in asking you to enlarge the work to embrace our poverty stricken church when we know the means are inadequate to provide for the ground already laid out. If in the multiplicity of your cares you can spare the time give us some word of advice and encouragement.

Be assured of my sympathy and of our little band here who have heard with regret of your recent domestic afflictions. May the Good Lord sustain you under your many trials and labors.

Yours sincerely,  
G. N. Buchanan.

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Colorado City, Colo., November 19, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours containing \$20 was received this evening.

Eight down the fountain have agreed to unite with us and 2 or 3 others are yet undecided where they will go; but lean towards us. I received a letter from Mr. Babbitt; says they will send me \$4000 at once, but wish to know my income for the year, and some other things I cannot answer till I see you.

I am quite well. Yours in Jesus,

H. B. Gage.

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New York, November 22, 1870.

Rev. S. Jackson,  
Denver, Colorado,

Rev. and Dear Brother: The Presbyterian Committee Home Missions

at its late meeting granted a Commission to Rev. H. D. Gage to labor for 12 months from the October 1, 1870, at Colorado City, at \$500 from our Treasury; this is the amount commended by the Presbytery.

We consented to the transfer of the Rev. D. H. Mitchell from Black Hawk to Golden City and Georgetown.

The case of Rev. G. S. Adams and his change of field to Pueblo and vicinity will be considered and acted on soon.

The Commission of Rev. W. Y. Brown was filled up with \$1000 for 12 months, beginning with July 1st, 1870, for Westminster Church, Denver, city, Colorado.

The application of Rev. E. P. Wells was granted for \$125 for 6 months from the 12th of November, 1870.

Does Brother Rice occupy a place nearly midway between Georgetown and Golden City, the field of Brother Mitchell? If so, could anymore economically (as to distance) arrangement be made satisfactory to both of them?

The state of our funds is still sadly discouraging. We are in debt \$50,000. The receipts daily do not yet overtake the daily outgoing.

The Commissions of Rev. D. F. McFarland and Rev. W. A. Annin, of New Mexico, were renewed at the same amount as before, for six months.

Accept my heartfelt sympathy and assure dear Mrs. Jackson of it in this sore sorrow through which you have been passing.

Let us hear from you as often as convenient.

Most truly and fraternally yours,  
Cyrus Dickson.

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286 Lexington Avenue, New York, November 22,

My dear Sir:

Previously to the reception of your letter I had received one from Mr. Richards and another from Mr. Arnold of Cheyenne.

One lady of my congregation has offered me a \$1000 towards the church building, but I hardly know where to expect any additional amounts. My people are ever making applications for memorial donations. I read your letter at Session. They did not see how they could at this time make this Laramie church a special object. They cannot see how to meet the case than to give a part of the funds which they contributed for church erection in the west, to this church. But our donors nearly all donate their own gifts to special objects. I will see Mr. Corning however and perhaps see two others.

There is a feeling of uncertainty as to how things are likely to turn out, which meets me. Cheyenne does not understand it here justified its outlay in a church building. At the same time I wish Mr. Arnold not to be disappointed perhaps in a year or so, the way may be more open. In the meantime I will nurse the \$1000 nest egg. Yours

J. O. MURRAY.

Brooklyn, November 27, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I received yours the 23d and improve the earliest moment to reply. Yours was postmarked 17th, a long time on the way. We were glad to hear from you and that the climate proved so favorable to your health. Daisie going to school sounds oddly enough to me, who cannot realize her age. Outdoor life is just the thing for you. Am thankful for your Salt Lake Mission, perhaps your summary of work may give some details of this Mission and other too.

Eliza says the name of her Sabbath School has not changed-- 2d Presbyterian Church Sabbath School.

The Jay Street Church is merged in the 2d; they are getting along nicely. Mr. Green is a good Pastor, and much liked by his people.

I saw a mission box packed today to be sent to Kansas from our church; it recalled vividly the boxes sent you from the Second for distribution. That was a capital way we felt so sure the most urgent cases would be properly attended to. Mrs. Trask and I talk of those times. By the bye can you give me the name of a Congregational clergyman you could recommend our sending a box of clothing to? Do you hear from Dr. Lord? I should love to know how he is getting along and if Mrs. Lord is enjoying the change.

December 18th. Dear Brother: Having written thus far I saw your friend Mrs. Wyckoff who wished me to defer sending that she might be able to send five with mine; (her means are much lessened, but her heart not). She is as much interested in your work as ever. I sent her your last paper. We must hear more from Salt Lake Mission.

If little sums are of use I can presently send five more. Are the people learning righteousness from God's judgments? I feel as if they were. May the week of prayer electrify every part of our land.

Can you arouse the Churches to take possession of our great West, in the name of "The Lord God of Hosts?" Cease not to cry unto the Lord for this result. We all need to be endowed with power from on high." Having planted and watered, may God give the increase in your field as we in our blindness may not have asked.

You are tempted to overwork doubtless, but let us take more to Jesus who waits to take all the burden, not help us to bear it.

Mrs. Trask is hoping to have a lot of comfortables made for you to distribute. With ever so much love for Mrs. Jackson and yourself and kisses for the children from us,

As ever yours in Christ,  
S. M. G. Merrill.

Please reply when received.

December 18, 1870.

Dear Mr. Jackson: I spoke to our Superintendent yesterday in reference to your money which we supposed you had received

long ago; he says the money was paid to Mr. Lane, treasurer of the church erection fund, to go to you for the Memorial Church at Denver, and he will inquire into it this week. I am very sorry it has been so many months in reaching you and that you have had so much trouble to get it. With love to Mrs. Jackson,

Yours truly,

E. L. Thayer.

Dec. 18th,  
436 Clinton Avenue,  
Brooklyn.

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New York, November 28, 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
My dear Brother:

On my return to the city, I find your letter of the 15th and hasten to send you the \$100 paid by Mr. Scott. Please acknowledge either to Mr. Lane or myself the receipt of the same.

I deeply sympathize with you in the sore bereavement with which you have been visited. May he whose unerring hand has caused the wound bind up your bleeding hearts and grant you and your wife the abundant consolation of His grade. My house has been a hospital for the last two months. Both my daughters have been ill, one of them still confined to her room. Henry was with us a couple of weeks and was sick most of the time. He has returned to Galesville, as his people were not willing to part with him and Presbytery urged him to stay. As to Church Erection, we are deluged with applications, but get but little money. This Memorial Movement may accomplish good but if so, it will be largely at the expense of the Boards of the Church.

May the Lord bless you my Brother.

Fraternally yours,  
H.R. Wilson.

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Brooklyn, November 28, 1870

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours of November 8th is before me. I am always glad to hear from you and particularly how to learn you are all well after so much sickness. Diphtheria is a serious disease; is it common with you? Scarlet fever is worse, generally leaving other diseases as a consequence. How is it with your children? What was Baby's name?

I feel indignant that the Memorial Fund is used East at all; how can the church so overlook the pressing wants of the West? What does it mean? They have eyes but see not. Mrs. Wyckoff your friend attends Dr. Cuyler's Church and there heard of appropriating the funds for Eastern Churches, as she thought too largely, sends you her ten dollars for Western Missions. Mrs. Trask read your letter alluding to her brother

Marquand's giving for a Memorial Church Building. I very rarely see him. Letters and personal applications are pouring in upon him all the time; he is giving nobly. Perhaps you had better write him. I will send you fifty dollars; how will you appropriate it? I am ignorant of your manner of dispensing help, or how much you receive for yourself from the Board. Am ever so glad you like your new home, and you have a comfortable house too. What of the climate---is it healthy? Did I write you how we luxuriated in the meetings of the American Board? They were truly inspiring and left a sweet savour among us. The Mothers' Meeting in Dr. Eddy's Reformed Baptist Church was a beautiful sight---that large building packed with females, also the Woman's Missionary Meeting. The spectacle is a novel one. The speaking was all good. Women missionaries are intensely interesting, they give the spice in detail. A Mrs. Rhea who spoke in the Woman's Missionary meeting would thrill any meeting.

God has so restored my health I am enjoying meetings and trotting about this delightful weather as usual; when snow and ice gather it will probably be a hindrance. I am "Making hay while the sun shines", and trust for strength and grace to do God's will, (which is mine) in the future.

Dr. Budington's preaching is under a constant inspiration---how I do enjoy it! So tenderly solemn, Love Divine seems to fill his whole being.

Are there laborers enough in your field? What is Dr. Lord doing since he left Chicago? Does your wife get help to suit her? I fear not. Receive our kindest love to both and do write soon. Yours in Christ,

S.M.G. Merrill.

December 5th: I waited for the money.

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Georgetown, November 28, 1870.

Rev. Jackson,  
Sir:

Yours of the 23d is received. Rev. Mitchell preached here the 20th of this month and brought the Church Book. We have secured the Congregational Church Building to hold service in for six months, at a low rate of rent---\$10 per month, and Rev. Mitchell in compliance with Presbytery's direction has preached here Sabbath 20th of this month and is to preach here Sabbath the 3rd of December, and every alternate Sabbath until next meeting of Presbytery. The Presbyterian Church of Georgetown is not flattering; I think there is but little of the true principles of strength here as well as the want of numbers, but God is able to make us strong; our hope and prayer is he will increase our Spirituality more and more. Very respectfully your Brother in Christ,  
Erskine C. McClellan.

















